



Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump speaks to the media in the spin room after the first Republican presidential debate at the Quicken Loans Arena in Cleveland.

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AP: Residents demand health answers as spill fouls up rivers

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ALBUQUERQUE, New Mexico (AP)**

— Farmers, towns and tribes slammed water-intake gates shut as a sludge-laden plume from a Colorado mine spill rolled down principal rivers in the desert Southwest on Monday, prompting local officials and families to demand answers about possible long-term threats from heavy metals borne along by the spill.

Colorado and New Mexico declared stretches of the Animas and San Juan rivers to be disaster areas as the orange-colored waste stream estimated to be 100 miles (161 million kilometers) long churned downstream toward Lake Powell in Utah after the spill Wednesday at the abandoned Gold King mine.

The Navajo Nation, which covers parts of New Mexico, Utah and Arizona, also declared an emergency as it shut down water intake systems and stopped diverting water from the San Juan River.

Members of the tribal council were frustrated during a special meeting Monday and echoed the sentiment of New Mexico officials that the federal government needs to be held accountable.

The 3 million gallons (11.36 million liters) of mine waste included high concentrations of arsenic, lead and other heavy metals. Workers with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency accidentally unleashed the spill as federal and contract workers inspected the abandoned mine site near Silverton, Colorado.

The EPA has said the contaminants were rolling too fast to be an immediate health threat. Experts and federal environmental officials say they expect the massive river system to dilute the heavy metals before they pose a longer-term threat.

Dissolved iron in the waste

turned the long plume an alarming orange yellow — a look familiar to old-time miners who call it “yellow boy” — so “the water appears worse aesthetically than it actually is, in terms of health,” said Ron Cohen, a civil and environmental engineering professor at the Colorado School of Mines.

EPA officials said stretches of the rivers would be closed for drinking water, recreation and other uses at least through Aug. 17.

Tests show some of the metals have settled to the bottom and would dissolve only if conditions became acidic, which isn't likely, Cohen said.

The best course for the EPA would be to leave the metals where they settle, he said, noting that next spring's mountain snowmelt would help dilute the contaminants further and flush them downstream.

No die-off of wildlife along the river has yet been detected. Federal officials say all but one of a test batch of fingerling trout deliberately exposed to the water survived over the weekend. In addition, the Colorado-based Mountain Studies Institute environmental group saw no immediate unusual effects in flies exposed to the water, program director Aaron Kimple said.

As a precaution, state and federal officials along the river system have ordered public water systems to turn off intake valves as the plume passes. Boaters and fishing groups have been told to avoid affected stretches of the Animas and San Juan rivers, which are crowded with rafters and anglers in a normal summer.

Congress members, state officials and residents contend the EPA is not providing quick answers about long-term impacts from the spill.

“There are more people who want to know, ‘OK, what's going to happen now?’ □

Vermont Officials: Suspect in social worker death was laughing

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Associated Press**

BARRE, Vermont (AP) — The woman charged with killing a social worker in Vermont because she was upset about losing custody of her 9-year-old daughter was “calm and laughing” as police arrived on the scene

and Julie Falzarano, 73, an aunt.

In an affidavit, police officers said Washington County State's Attorney Scott Williams who was inside the building that houses DCF, heard the shots and when he got to the scene, he saw Herring

the news and you'll wish you got ahold of me earlier.”

Tiffany Herring, 23, who identified herself as the daughter of one of the victims, told the Burlington Free Press her mother received a threatening phone call from Jody Her-



Jody Herring is led out of court after her arraignment in Vermont Superior Court in Barre, Vt., Monday, Aug. 10, 2015. The Vermont woman charged with killing a social worker because she was upset about losing custody of her 9-year-old daughter pleaded not guilty on Monday and was ordered held without bail.

(Toby Talbot/Times Argus via AP, Pool)

minutes after the shooting, according to court records released Monday.

Jody Herring, 40, pleaded not guilty in Vermont Superior Court on Monday and was ordered held without bail. She was arrested Friday following the death of Lara Sobel who police say was shot twice in the upper extremities — including once when she was already on the ground — as she exited the Barre office building that houses the regional office of the state Department for Children and Families that afternoon.

Police also believe that before shooting the 48-year-old Sobel, Herring shot and killed her own two cousins and an aunt in the neighboring town of Berlin. Charges have not been filed in connection with the deaths of Regina Herring, 43, and Rhonda Herring, 48, the suspect's cousins;

standing near Sobel's body still holding the .270-caliber hunting rifle. Williams was able to get the gun from her and he and bystanders subdued her.

When police arrived, Herring was “very calm and laughing,” the affidavit said. Later on, she was still talking about the shooting “like it was no big deal,” officers said.

However, during an interview Friday night, Herring became agitated, saying that they had never helped her when her boyfriend beat her and complaining about the injustices she suffered at the hands of DCF. The court record also shows that Herring left two phone messages for her brother, Dwayne Herring, about two hours before Sobel was killed. In the first, she urges him to call her immediately.

Four minutes later, she left a message saying: “Watch

ring on Friday morning.

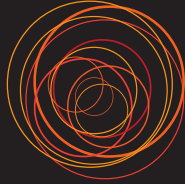
She said: “You guys need to stop calling DCF unless you guys are going to have it coming to you,” Tiffany Herring told the newspaper.

Herring was charged Monday with killing only Sobel, although investigators believe she killed her relatives as well.

Gov. Peter Shumlin's office issued a statement saying he had spoken with the family of those relatives and at their request, the governor is asking for privacy.


Vermont Attorney General William Sorrell said after Monday's court appearance it could be some time before additional charges are filed against Herring. More details may emerge by the end of the week, he added.

Court records say Herring had a criminal record dating to 1996. □



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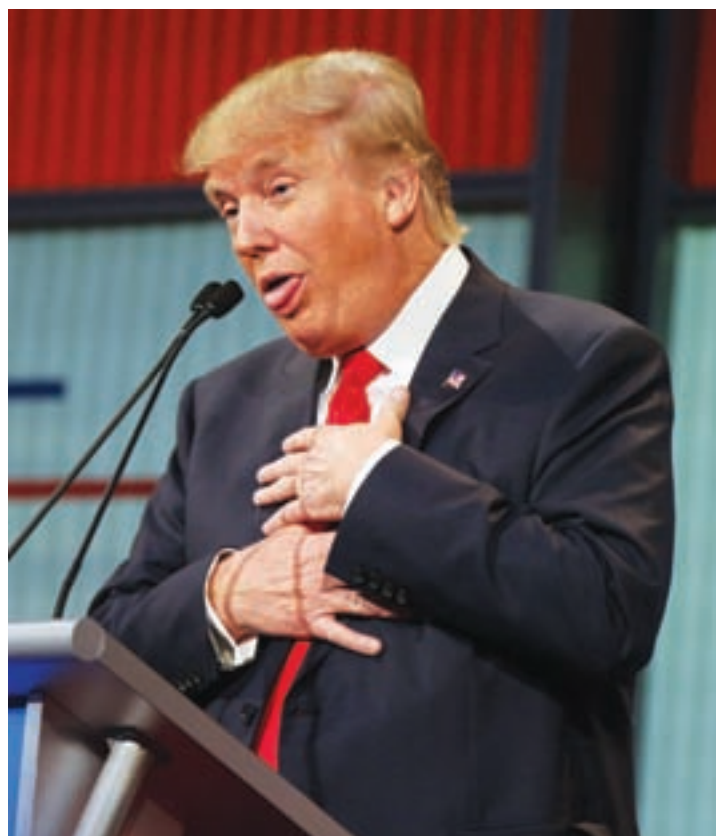
Trump says Fox has Promised Fair Coverage

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Presidential candidate Donald Trump's turbulent relationship with Fox News showed signs of improvement Monday even as Democratic front-runner Hillary Rodham Clinton seized on the billionaire businessman's clash with the network to cast the entire 2016 Republican presidential field as being bad for women. Trump and Fox News, one of the most powerful voices in Republican and conservative circles, have been in a bitter feud since last Thursday's presidential debate. While he leads recent Republican presidential polls, the former reality television star has drawn heated criticism from many in his own party for saying on CNN that Fox debate moderator Megyn Kelly had "blood coming out of her eyes, blood coming out of her wherever." Trump insisted Monday that he never intended to say anything inappropriate about Kelly, one of the most popular hosts on the most watched U.S. cable news network.

But Trump maintains he was treated unfairly in a series of tough questions, including one from Kelly about Trump's history of negative statements about women. Kelly asked the real estate mogul about his use of words such as "dog," "fat" and "disgusting" to insult women and whether it reflected the "temperament of a man we should elect as president." He maintained Monday that he never intended to say anything inappropriate about Kelly and said the uproar over his criticism was "all fueled by the press." "This wasn't meant to be much of an insult," he told NBC's "Today" show. Trump's unconventional, insurgent campaign and his series of incendiary comments have vaulted him into an early lead in the race for the Republican presidential nomination just half a year before the first nominating contests in Iowa and New Hampshire. While Trump is considered unlikely to win the Republican presidential nomination, he has enthralled anti-establishment conservatives with his bellicose



Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump responds to former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee's closing remarks during the first Republican presidential debate at the Quicken Loans Arena Thursday, Aug. 6, 2015, in Cleveland.

(AP Photo/Andrew Harnik)

statements and confounded party leaders trying to bring order to an unwieldy field of 17 candidates. So far, the self-funded Trump has proved to be immune from what would be viewed as missteps by any

other candidate. It will be several days before public polling shows whether he was damaged by his caustic comments about Kelly. Trump tweeted Monday that Fox News chairman Roger Ailes had reached

out to him directly Monday, assuring him he'll be "treated fairly" by the station. Trump appeared on several Sunday morning TV news shows, but not on Fox's main show. He now is scheduled to appear Tuesday morning on "Fox and Friends." "Roger Ailes just called. He is a great guy & assures me that 'Trump' will be treated fairly on @FoxNews. His word is always good!" wrote Trump. Fox News representatives did not immediately respond to a request for comment, but one of the "Fox and Friends" hosts, Steve Doocy, tweeted that Trump would be appearing on "Fox and Friends" Tuesday morning to talk about his relationship with the network. Trump's latest remarks have unnerved some in a Republican Party that has long wrestled with the public perception that it is waging a "war on women" and has struggled to convince more women that it's on their side. Speaking publicly for the first time since the Republican debate, Clinton on Monday seized on Trump's comments about Kelly. She said his remarks should not overshadow the rest of the Republican candidates' policies dealing with women. "They brag about slashing women's health care funding," Clinton told reporters while campaigning in New Hampshire. "They say they would force women who have been raped to carry their rapist's child, and we don't hear any of them supporting raising the minimum wage, paid leave for new parents, access to quality child care, equal pay for women or anything else that will help to give women a chance to get ahead." □

Melissa Gilbert to run for Congress in Michigan

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Associated Press

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Former "Little House on the Prairie" star Melissa Gilbert announced her candidacy for a Michigan congressional seat on Monday, saying "fresh voices" are needed to help improve the economy for people who have fallen behind. The 51-year-old Democrat, who moved to Howell from California two years ago after marrying actor Timothy Busfield, will run for the

8th District, which stretches from the northern Detroit suburbs to the state capital of Lansing and has been in GOP hands for 15 years. First-term Republican Rep. Mike Bishop of Rochester won last year after then-House Intelligence Committee Chairman Mike Rogers decided not to seek reelection. "I'm running for Congress to make life a little easier for all the families who feel they have fallen through the cracks in today's econ-

omy," Gilbert said in a statement. "I believe building a new economy is a team effort, and we need to bring fresh voices to the table to get the job done." Gilbert, who has never held public office, campaigned for Michigan gubernatorial candidate Mark Schauer in 2014. She was president of the Screen Actors Guild from 2001-05 after playing Laura Ingalls on "Little House" in the 1970s and 1980s. She and Busfield recently

moved from Howell, which is 45 miles northwest of Detroit, to another unspecified area of Livingston County. Bishop campaign spokesman Stu Sandler called Gilbert a "tax cheat," noting that she owes \$360,000 in back taxes to the U.S. government and \$112,000 to California. "Melissa Gilbert can afford to have a stylist for her dog, but cannot pay her taxes," he said in a statement. "Her values our out of whack with the district." □



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Obama says opposition to Iran deal over politics, not merits



President Barack Obama, center, squats down near a green as Glenn Hutchins, right, stands nearby while golfing Monday, Aug. 10, 2015, at Vineyard Golf Club, in Edgartown, Mass., on the island of Martha's Vineyard. The president is staying on Martha's Vineyard with first lady Michelle Obama and daughter Sasha for a 17-day island retreat. A member of law enforcement, left, watches. (AP Photo/Steven Senne)

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CHILMARK, Massachusetts

(AP) — President Barack Obama said Republicans are reflexively opposing the Iran nuclear deal because his name is on it, brushing off criticism from a majority in Congress.

Ahead of next month's deadline for a vote that could derail the agreement, Obama argued in two interviews released Monday that solid Republican opposition was unsurprising. He cited Republicans' resistance to his health care law and budget proposals as evidence that their recent hostility had nothing to do with what's in the deal.

"Unfortunately, a large portion of the Republican Party, if not a near unanimous portion of Republican representatives, are going to be opposed to anything that I do," Obama told NPR News. That hasn't always been the case.

In June, Republicans drove legislation through that gave Obama expanded authority to negotiate trade deals with Europe and Asia, even as many in Obama's own Democratic

Party deserted him. Many Republicans also have shown a willingness to work with Obama on criminal justice matters and on military spending that exceeds caps imposed by both parties.

On the Iran deal, Obama has tried to discredit the opposition and attract as much Democratic support as possible before Congress votes on the agreement roughly a month from now. The White House has acknowledged that Congress probably will pass legislation opposing the deal, which Obama will veto. Obama's goal is to secure enough Democratic votes to prevent Congress from overriding his veto.

So far, only 34 members of the House of Representatives, all Democrats, have announced support, along with 17 Democratic senators. Hawaii Sen. Brian Schatz and Minnesota Sen. Amy Klobuchar on Monday became the latest to side with Obama. It takes a two-thirds vote of the 435 House members and 100 senators to override a presidential veto.

A blow came last week when New York Sen.

Chuck Schumer, in line to be the top Democrat in the Senate, announced his opposition. Obama's interviews were recorded before Schumer's announcement, but were released Monday as the White House tried to keep the president's voice in the debate during the August lull. Lawmakers have left Washington for their annual congressional recess, and Obama is on the is-

land of Martha's Vineyard off Massachusetts for his family vacation.

In an interview with on-line news site Mic, Obama shifted his focus to young people, including some in Iran and Israel who posed questions to the president via video. Asked by a 22-year-old woman in Iran why Obama had to hurt the Iranian people with harsh economic penalties to get a deal, Obama

said his hand was forced because his outreach to Iran's supreme leader went unrequited while the U.S. caught Iran secretly enriching uranium at its Fordow facility. "Unfortunately we didn't have a better way of doing this," Obama said. "What we had to do was to more severely enforce sanctions so that Iran had greater incentive to come to the table and negotiate." □

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Texas official:

Woman among 8 killed had texted for help

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Associated Press

HOUSTON (AP) — A Houston woman being held captive by a man she had once been in a relationship with sent a text to her mother saying she was being held at gunpoint and pleading for help before the man fatally shot her, six children and her husband.

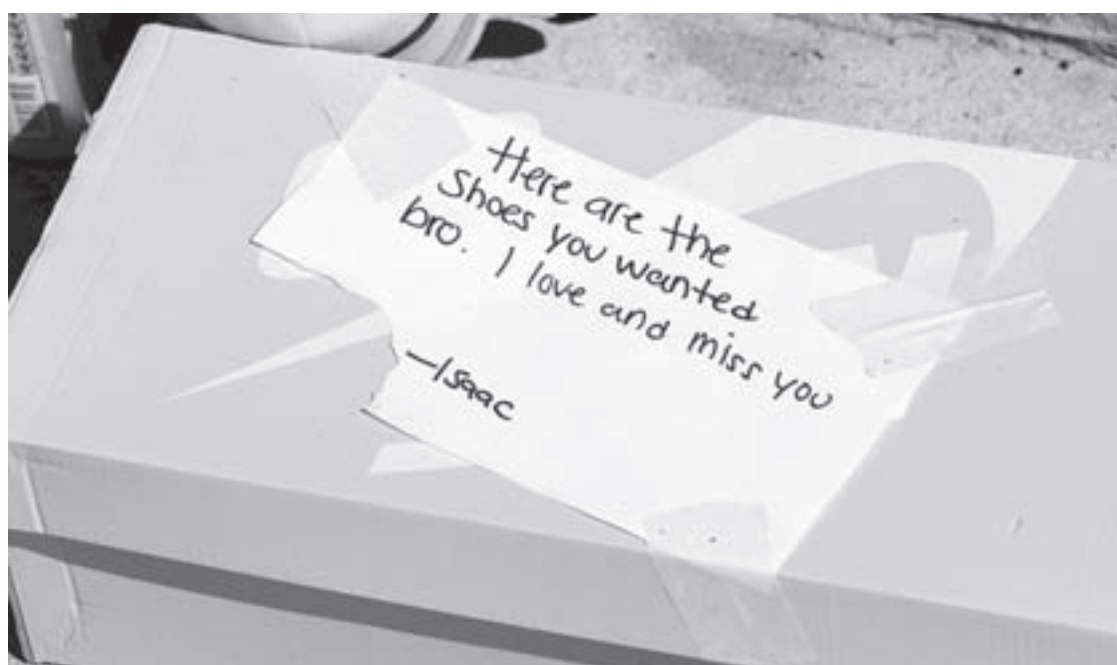
"My heart goes out to the mother who received the text from her daughter that she was in trouble, and the mother was many states away but of course did what any mother would do and called 911," Harris District Attorney Devon Anderson said Monday.

Valerie Jackson's mother placed that call to the Harris County Sheriff's Office in Houston. Deputies eventually forced their way into the home where a man with a violent criminal history, David Conley, had held the family captive on Saturday but retreated when Conley fired on them. Hours later, Conley gave himself up, allowing deputies to enter the home and make the gruesome discovery of the bodies. All had been shot

in the head and most had been handcuffed. "Anytime you hear about something that's this heinous,

with capital murder, stood handcuffed, shackled and wearing a yellow jumpsuit during his first court appear-

Conley and Jackson might have led to the shooting, Harvey declined to offer more details on the motive.



A note is taped to a shoe box Monday, Aug. 10, 2015, sitting among the condolences left outside the home where eight people were shot over the weekend in Houston. David Conley, who has a violent criminal history, entered the Houston home through an unlocked window and fatally shot a woman he'd previously dated, her husband and six children, including a boy believed to be his own son, authorities said. He is charged with capital murder in the deaths

(AP Photo/David J. Phillip)

anytime you hear about the death of this many children in a single event, it is hard. It's hard," said Alycia Harvey, the lead prosecutor in the case. Conley, 48, who has been charged

ance on Monday. His court appointed attorney, Joseph Scardino, did not immediately return a phone call seeking comment.

While the sheriff's office has said problems between

Neighbors on Monday said they were aware of the family's troubled history of domestic violence, with prior police visits and contact with Child Protective Services.□

Feds:

Man wanted to form small army for Islamic State

NEWARK, New Jersey (AP)

— A former New Jersey man who traveled to the Middle East last year wanted to form a small army to fight with the Islamic State group, federal authorities said Monday, weeks after the man's brother was arrested in the same alleged plot.

Nader Saadeh, 20, was charged with attempting to provide material support to the terror group.

He was ordered held without bail following a brief appearance Monday in U.S. District Court in Newark. A judge appointed a lawyer to represent him after Saadeh said he could not afford to pay for an attorney.

The former Rutherford resident's arrest came after authorities arrested his 23-year-old brother, Alaa, and 21-year-old Samuel Rahamin Topaz of Fort Lee on similar charges.

Authorities say Nader Saadeh traveled to the Middle East in May to join the Islamic State but was arrested in Jordan and had been held there in custody. It was not immediately clear when or how he returned to the United States.

He could face several decades in prison if convicted on all counts.

Between 2012 and 2013, Saadeh allegedly expressed his hatred for the United States and his wish to form a small army via electronic messages. After the Islamic State's leader declared an Islamic caliphate in parts of Syria and Iraq in July 2014, authorities say Saadeh posted images of the group's flags on Facebook.□

Prosecutors:

NYC mom who tossed baby said boy was possessed

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Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — A woman accused of tossing her newborn son to his death from a fourth-floor window told police an evil spirit had taken over the boy, according to court papers Monday.

Rashida Chowdhury, 21, was being held without bail after her arrest late last week in the death of her month-old son, Rizwan.

Chowdhury initially told detectives that she had been asleep in the bed with her son and awoke to discover he was gone, but she later admitted she threw him out the window, police said. She said that he had been possessed by an evil spirit and had been sick recently, and she was "stopping the pain," according to court papers. The baby had been hospitalized for three days

with a viral infection, but had been discharged the day before his death and was recovering, officials said. He appeared to be in good health otherwise. Investigators were trying to determine whether Chowdhury suffered from postpartum depression but no clinical diagnoses had been made.

Chowdhury's attorney didn't immediately respond to a message seek-

ing comment on the accusations.

At around 4 a.m. Aug. 7, Chowdhury quietly got up and brought the baby into the bathroom, police said. A neighbor heard "an unusual noise, like a thump," in the building's courtyard, and when she looked through the window, she saw Rizwan in a blue and white onesie, lying in a pool of blood, authorities said.□

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Police shooting, protests put Ferguson back on edge

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Associated Press

FERGUSON, Missouri (AP) — Ferguson was a community on edge again Monday, a day after a protest marking the anniversary of Michael Brown's death was punctuated with gunshots and police critically wounded a black 18-year-old accused of opening fire on officers. Police, protesters and people who live and work in the St. Louis suburb were bracing for what nightfall might bring following more violence along West Florissant Avenue, the same thoroughfare that was the site of massive protests and rioting after Brown was fatally shot last year in a confrontation with a white Ferguson officer.

Michael Brown was a black 18-year-old who was killed by a white Ferguson police officer, touching off a national debate over police treatment of minorities and sparked the "Black Lives Matter" movement.

"Of course I'm worried," said Sandy Sansevere, a retired health care worker who volunteers at the retail store operated by the nonprofit group I Love Ferguson, which was formed after Brown's death, to promote the community. "What scares me are the guns."

The father of the suspect who was shot called the police version of events "a bunch of lies." He said two girls who were with his son told him he was unarmed and had been drawn into a dispute involving two groups of young people. St. Louis County Executive Steve Stenger declared a state of emergency, which authorizes county Police Chief Jon Belmar to take control of police emergen-

cy management in and around Ferguson. Protests spilled outside

ficer was hospitalized with cuts to the face after being hit with a rock. Two others

lice had been watching out of concern that he was armed, Belmar said. Dur-

of armed criminal action, four counts of first-degree assault on a law enforce-



Police talk to people after a shooting near a protest in Ferguson. The one-year anniversary of Michael Brown's death in Ferguson began with a march in his honor and ended with a protest that was interrupted by gunfire late Sunday night.

(AP Photo/Jeff Roberson)

of Ferguson. Nearly 60 protesters were arrested around midday Monday for blocking the entrance to the federal courthouse in downtown St. Louis. Among those arrested was scholar and civil rights activist Cornel West. That protest, like other commemoration events over the past few days, was largely peaceful and somber. But on Sunday, several hundred people gathered in the street on West Florissant, ignoring an officer on a bullhorn repeatedly warning them to get to the sidewalk or face arrest. Eventually, a few lobbed glass bottles and rocks at officers. One of-

had minor injuries after protesters sprayed them with pepper spray.

As tensions escalated, several gunshots suddenly rang out from the area near a strip of stores, including some that had been looted moments earlier. Belmar believes the shots came from about six different shooters. What prompted the shooting was not clear, but Belmar said two groups had been feuding. The shots sent protesters and reporters running for cover.

The shooters included the suspect, identified by his father as 18-year-old Tyrone Harris Jr., whom po-

ing the gunfire, the suspect crossed the street and apparently spotted plainclothes officers arriving in an unmarked van with distinctive red and blue police lights, Belmar said. The suspect allegedly shot into the windshield of the van.

The four officers in the van fired back, then pursued the suspect on foot. The suspect again fired on the officers when he became trapped in a fenced-in area, the chief said, and all four opened fire.

Harris was in critical condition after surgery early Monday. Prosecutors announced 10 charges against him — five counts

ment officer and a firearms charge. All 10 are felonies. All four officers in the van, each wearing protective vests, escaped injury. They were not wearing body cameras, Belmar said.

Tyrone Harris Sr. told The Associated Press his son was a close friend of Michael Brown and was in Ferguson on Sunday night to pay respects.

The elder Harris said his son got caught up in a dispute among two groups of young people and was "running for his life" after gunfire broke out.

"My son was running to the police to ask for help, and he was shot," he said. □

Day of violence in Turkey leaves at least 9 dead

LETERIS PITARAKIS
SUZAN FRASER

ISTANBUL (AP) — Two female assailants opened fire at the U.S. Consulate in Istanbul on Monday and at least six Turkish security forces were killed elsewhere in a day of heavy violence in Turkey, where a government crackdown has targeted Islamic State militants, Kurdish rebels and far-left extremists. Turkey has seen a sharp spike in clashes between security forces and rebels of the Kurdistan Workers' Party, or PKK, in the wake of its campaign against PKK targets in Iraq in tandem with airstrikes against Islamic State militants in Syria. Hundreds of suspected militants have also been rounded up at home. No one was hurt in the attack on the U.S. Consulate, which came just weeks after Turkey agreed to take a more active role in the U.S.-led campaign against the



Turkish police officers run for cover during a gunfight near the site of an overnight explosion at a police station in Istanbul's Sultanbeyli neighborhood, Monday, Aug. 10, 2015. The bomb attack at the police station injured three policemen and seven civilians and caused a fire that collapsed part of the three-story building. Police said the assailants exploded a car bomb near the station. Unknown assailants later fired on police inspecting the scene of the explosion, sparking another gunfight with police that killed a member of the police inspection team and two assailants.

(AP Photo/Akin Celiktas)

Islamic State group and to allow the U.S.-led coalition to use its bases in the fight against IS. On Sunday, the

U.S. military announced that a detachment of six F-16 fighter jets and some 300 personnel had arrived at Turkey's southern

Incirlik Air Base. A far-left group that carried out a 2013 suicide bombing on the U.S. Embassy in Ankara claimed it was involved in the attack. Both assailants fled, and one was later shot and taken into custody. The Revolutionary People's Liberation Army-Front, or DHKP-C identified her as 51-year-old Hatice Asik and said she was a member of the group, which is considered a terrorist organization by the U.S. and Turkey. The other assailant was still at large. In a statement on its website the group described Asik as a "revolutionary" fighting American oppression and vowed to maintain its struggle until Turkey is "cleared" of all U.S. bases on its territory. Turkey's Foreign Ministry condemned the attack and said security at U.S. missions around the country had been increased. It said Turkey was determined to fight terrorism through "cooperation and solidarity" with its NATO ally. □

Iraq officials: Bombs in Diyala province kill over 40 people

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Associated Press

BAGHDAD (AP) — Two bombs striking neighborhoods in Iraq's eastern Diyala province killed at least 42 people Monday night, officials said, less than a month after the region was the scene of one of the deadliest attacks to hit the country in recent years. The deadliest of Monday's two attacks happened near the provincial capital, Baquba, located 35 miles (60 kilometers) northeast of Baghdad. Police said a suicide car bomb tore through a marketplace, killing at least 35 people and wounding 72. The Islamic State group claimed responsibility for the attack, in a statement distributed on Twitter, saying an Iraqi fighter named Abdullah al-Ansai detonated his explosives-laden vehicle in the predominantly Shiite neighborhood of Huwaydah.

The second took place in the village of Kanaan, where officials said a suicide bomber blew himself up in a residential area, killing seven people and wounding 15. Hospital officials corroborated the casualty figures. All spoke on condition of anonymity as they were not authorized to speak to journalists. Residents in Diyala have been calling for greater protection from security forces after the Islamic State group bombed a crowded marketplace last month, killing 115 people, including women and children. The mostly Shiite victims were gathered to mark the end of the Islamic holy month of Ramadan. The Sunni-extremist Islamic State group considers Shiites to be apostates. The government in Baghdad vowed to apprehend the culprits and better secure Diyala. □

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Greek coast guard rescues 1,417 migrants over 3 days

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KOS, Greece (AP) — Greece's coast guard rescued more than 1,400 migrants near several Greek islands in the eastern Aegean Sea over the past three days as the pace of new arrivals increases, authorities said Monday. Tens of thousands of people, many of them fleeing conflict in Syria and Afghanistan, have been making their way from the Turkish coast to nearby Greek islands in inflatable dinghies, overwhelming cash-strapped and understaffed authorities on the islands. The vast majority then head to mainland

Greece and from there, try to reach more prosperous European Union countries by either walking across the Balkans from northern Greece, or sneaking onto Italy-bound ferries from the west. The 1,417 migrants rescued between Friday morning and Monday morning were picked up at sea in 59 incidents off the coasts of the islands of Lesbos, Chios, Samos, Agathonisi and Kos, the coast guard said. Those figures do not include the hundreds of others who manage to reach the islands' coasts themselves, walking to the main towns to turn themselves in to local authorities and receive registration papers. □



Migrants wait behind a fence for a registration procedure outside a police station at southeastern island of Kos, Monday, Aug. 10, 2015. Greece's coast guard rescued more than 1,400 migrants in nearly 60 search and rescue operations near several Greek islands in the eastern Aegean Sea over the past three days as the pace of new arrivals increase, authorities said Monday.

(AP Photo/Yorgos Karahalidis)

Knife attacks kill two people at central Sweden Ikea store

HELSINKI (AP) — Police in Sweden arrested two men on suspicion of murder in a knife attack that killed a man and a woman at an Ikea store Monday in the central Swedish city of Vasteras, police and store officials said. Vasteras police officer Per Agren, in charge of the investigation, said they had not found any connection between the suspected attackers and the victims or between the two attackers. Describing the incident as "a mad event," Agren told reporters that both men — one in his mid-30s, the other born in 1992 — were detained in the store and at a bus stop outside. The male victim was dead at the scene, and the woman died later, police said. The older perpetrator, who was seriously injured, was

the chief suspect, Agren said at a news conference. He declined to comment on a possible motive pending the outcome of an investigation and gave no further details about the suspects or victims. Sweden's security police, responsible for investigating suspected terror cases, told national news agency TT they had no reason to be involved in the investigation based on the information they were given. The attack in Vasteras, some 100 kilometers (60 miles) west of the capital Stockholm, occurred suddenly during an otherwise normal day in the kitchenware department of the store, said Martina Smedberg, spokeswoman for Ikea Group. "We have no idea of a motive," she said. "There have been no known threats against Ikea." □



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In this 2012 photo, Lucie Morillon, head of research at French watchdog of Reporters Sans Frontières (Reporters without Borders) holds a banner depicting Syrian human rights activist Mazen Darwish during a protest against violence in Syria, in Paris. Syrian authorities on Monday released Darwish in a rare goodwill gesture by President Bashar Assad's government amid intense diplomatic maneuvering to end the country's civil war. (AP Photo/Francois Mori)

Syria releases jailed activist Darwish

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BEIRUT (AP) — Syrian authorities on Monday released an award-winning human rights activist after more than three years in jail in a rare goodwill gesture by President Bashar Assad's government amid intense diplomatic maneuvering to end the country's civil war.

The release of Mazen Darwish was welcomed by activists as a positive development amid Syria's daily carnage. An outspoken critic of the government's crackdown on protests that erupted against Assad's rule in March 2011, he became a symbol of the battle for human rights in Syria following his detention less than a year later. Amnesty International said Darwish should never have been jailed in the first place and called on the government to halt its campaign targeting those who dare speak about the "appall-

ing human rights violations" in Syria.

Darwish was the director of the Syrian Center for Media and Freedom of Expression when he was arrested in February 2012 in a Damascus security raid, along with two of his colleagues, Hani al-Zitani and Hussein Gharir. The organization confirmed his release on Monday but said he is still standing trial and is scheduled to attend a court hearing on Aug. 30. His two colleagues were released last month.

"After an arbitrary arrest that lasted three years, five months and 23 days, Mazen Darwish has been released from prison today," the group said in a statement.

There was no immediate comment from the government, which continues to hold thousands of political prisoners, according to human rights groups.

The Syria that Darwish steps into when he leaves prison is drastically different than the one he knew more than

three years ago. What began as an Arab Spring-style uprising against Assad's rule became a full-blown civil war and the country has sunk into chaos.

The conflict, now in its fifth year, has killed at least 250,000 people, wounded more than a million and displaced half the population, according to the United Nations. The Islamic State group, which emerged as an al-Qaida splinter group and is now its main rival, has seized about a third of both Syria and Iraq. Darwish's release comes amid stepped-up diplomatic activity aimed at finding a political way out of the conflict.

Assad's main backers, Russia and Iran, are trying to set the stage — following the Iran nuclear deal — for a political transition in Syria. The U.S. and Saudi Arabia also appear to be more inclined to engage with the Iranian-backed government of Assad on ways to end the war. □

Al-Qaida in Syria withdrawing from area near Turkish border

BEIRUT (AP) — Al-Qaida's affiliate in Syria said Monday it is withdrawing from areas along the border with Turkey where Ankara and Washington hope to drive out the Islamic State group.

The move by the Nusra Front came two weeks after Turkey began carrying out airstrikes against IS targets in Syria. Turkey also agreed to allow U.S. warplanes to use the strategic Incirlik Air Base for operations against IS in Syria. The two countries have agreed on the outlines of a plan to create an IS-free zone along the border.

On Sunday, six U.S. F-16 fighter jets arrived at Incirlik to join the coalition fight against Islamic State militants, the U.S. military said, days after Turkey's foreign

minister said that an "extensive" fight against the extremists would soon begin. The Nusra Front and the IS group are both committed to bringing about Islamic rule in Syria, but are bitterly divided and have battled each other across the country. U.S. officials say a cell within the Nusra Front has plotted attacks against Western interests, and U.S. warplanes have targeted the group as part of the larger campaign against IS.

Late last month, the Nusra Front battled the U.S.-backed rebel faction known as Division 30 and killed, wounded or captured dozens of its fighters. It was not immediately clear from which areas the Nusra Front has already withdrawn. □

Afghan president calls on Pakistan to rein in Taliban

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KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — The Afghan president called on Pakistan on Monday to crack down on the Taliban after a suicide car bombing earlier in the day near Kabul's international airport killed five people, the latest in a wave of deadly attacks in the capital.

In a televised address, Ashraf Ghani also blamed neighboring Pakistan for what he described as Islamabad's support to the insurgents whose war against Kabul is now nearing its 14th year, and said he was sending a delegation to Islamabad later this week to demand a stop to this.

"We know they have sanc-

tuaries there, we know they are active there," Ghani said, referring to Taliban leaders living in Pakistan. "We need all those activities to be stopped." Since assuming office a year ago, Ghani has pursued closer relations with Pakistan, which wields influence over the insurgent group, hoping that it could use that influence to bring the Taliban into peace negotiations.

Pakistan, which has in the past denied supporting the Taliban, said it remains committed to maintaining good relations with Kabul and that after losing tens of thousands of its own people to terrorist attacks, it can feel the "pain and anguish of the brotherly people" of Afghanistan over the latest attacks there. □



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Argentine president's successor candidate wins primaries

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Associated Press

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — President Cristina Fernandez's chosen successor easily won Argentina's open primaries, but the results Monday underscored that October's election is still up for grabs and voters remain deeply divided about who could best tackle the country's myriad economic problems.

With 98 percent of ballots counted, Daniel Scioli was leading with 38 percent of the vote. Mauricio Macri and two others in his "Let's Change" coalition topped opposition candidates with a total of 30 percent while Sergio Massa and one other aspirant on his "United for a new Alternative" ticket garnered 20 percent.

All candidates competed on the same ballot, with the top finishers from each party qualifying for the Oct. 25 general election. That meant Sunday's pri-

maries were essentially a giant national poll.

"No matter how you look at it, the only truth is the reality," Scioli told supporters early Monday, paraphrasing famous words by former President Juan Domingo Peron, founder of the ruling political movement. "And the reality is that we have a big margin over our adversaries."

Scioli's margin would not be enough to win election in the first round, which would require either 45 percent of the vote or 40 percent and a 10-point margin over the runner-up. A November runoff would likely benefit Macri, who might pick up the votes from Argentines who initially supported other opposition candidates.

The South American nation is struggling with inflation that independent analysts put at over 30 percent and the Argentine peso has slid sharply against the American dollar. □



Governor of the Buenos Aires province and presidential candidate Daniel Scioli, left, and his wife Karina Rabolini wave to followers after the primary elections in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Monday, Aug. 10, 2015. Voters on Sunday began the process ahead of Oct. 25, 2015 general elections to decide presidential candidates in their respective parties, the first step in replacing two term leader, Cristina Fernandez.
AP Photo/Natasha Pisarenko)

Storms kill 6 in Chile, causes heavy flooding in Argentina

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP) — Weekend storms have killed six people in Chile and forced evacuations in neighboring Argentina, officials said Monday.

Chile's national emergency office said three people were killed Sunday by landslide in the northern port town of Tocopilla, which was visited Monday by President Michelle Bachelet.

Three other people died Saturday: A man drowned at sea near Valparaiso, another was crushed by a tree in O'Higgins region and a third person died when his roof collapsed in the northern city of La Ser-

ena.

Chilean soccer player Alexis Sanchez, who grew up in Tocopilla, sent a message of encouragement to residents of his native town. "I am who I am today thanks to where I was raised. Thank you Tocopilla," the Arsenal forward said via Instagram. "We're going to come out of this ... Strength to Tocopilla and all of Chile's north."

About 0.55 inches (14 millimeters) of rain fell on Antofagasta, an arid region that typically receives only about 0.07 inches (1.7 millimeters) of rain in a year, the national meteorological service said. □



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Activist in search for missing killed in Mexico

JOSE RIVERA
Associated Press

ACAPULCO, Mexico (AP)

— Miguel Angel Jimenez, a political activist who played a prominent early role in the search for 43 students and other missing people in southern Mexico, was slain over the weekend, an associate said Monday.

The bullet-ridden body of Jimenez, a member of the Union of Towns and Organizations, or UPOEG for its initials in Spanish, was found in a car near a town where he had helped found a community police program.

UPOEG leader Bruno Placido confirmed the death and said Jimenez had received threats related to his search efforts.

Jimenez began organizing searches for 43 teachers' college students who went missing after they were detained by police last September in Guerrero state. Prosecutors say corrupt local police in the city of Iguala turned the students over to members of a drug

cartel, the Guerreros Unidos, who killed the students and incinerated their bodies.

But the searches Jimenez

Jimenez was found dead on the outskirts of Xaltianguis, and relatives buried him there Sunday.

Jimenez played a key role



Relatives of the 43 missing students from the Isidro Burgos rural teachers college march holding pictures of their missing loved ones during a protest in Mexico City. Miguel Angel Jimenez, a political activist who played a prominent early role in the search for 43 students and other missing people in southern Mexico, was slain over the weekend, an associate said Monday.

(AP Photo/Marco Ugarte)

led into the mountains surrounding the city turned up clandestine graves filled with other bodies.

Placido said the death threats may have come from Guerreros Unidos and Jimenez had returned to his hometown of Xaltianguis in Guerrero to be safer.

in expanding the search effort to include hundreds of other Iguala residents whose relatives disappeared during the cartel's reign of kidnappings and killings.

While he gradually relinquished leadership of the search efforts after No-

vember, he continued to supply information and said he had new leads.

"He was always looking for somebody to help," said Xitlali Miranda, one of the activists in the Iguala searches. "He was one of the first people to say, 'If these aren't the students (bodies), then who are they?'"

In July, Mexico's attorney general's office confirmed that at least 60 clandestine graves with 129 bodies have been found so far on the outskirts of Iguala. Most of the bodies remain unidentified.

Jimenez also organized community police efforts to fight kidnappings, killings and extortion by criminal gangs, and drives to document vote fraud in June's midterm elections.

In an April interview with Kara Andrade, a doctoral student at American University, Jimenez said he had received death threats from "people who are involved in things and whose interests I have impacted." □

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Autopsy: Texas man has drowned in the Bahamas

NASSAU, Bahamas (AP) — A 24-year-old Texas man has been found dead in the waters off Bahamas and an initial autopsy says he drowned. Bahamian investigators say the unclothed body of Mason Tucker was found in waters near Abaco's Scotland Cay on July 29. He was a recent graduate of Texas Tech University and was from the city of Katy. Police spokeswoman Terécita Pinder said Monday that initial autopsy findings are "consistent with drowning." Tucker had traveled to the Bahamas earlier this summer to work on a sport fishing boat. His body was discovered by a local resident. A dinghy he was traveling in and his personal belongings have not been found. □

Bahamas detains 143 Haitian migrants on packed sailboat

NASSAU, Bahamas (AP) — Authorities in the Bahamas have detained 143 migrants from Haiti on a crowded sailboat at the southern edge of the island chain. The Royal Bahamas Defense Force says a patrol boat stopped the vessel west of Ragged Island. Among the migrants were 23 women and three children. All were taken Monday to a military base in Nassau for further investigation. The Bahamas typically repatriates migrants who are detained at sea. A Defense Force statement says eight Cubans were also apprehended last Wednesday in a vessel off Grand Bahama. The force has detained nearly 1,000 migrants this year. □

Venezuela:

American lawyer slain, girlfriend wounded in Caracas

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Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)

— An American expatriate lawyer was slain and his girlfriend wounded in an attack at his home in the Venezuelan capital, authorities and family members said Monday.

John Ralston Pate, 70, was found dead Sunday in his apartment in a well-to-do neighborhood of eastern Caracas, the South American country's public prosecutor said.

Prosecutors identified the second victim as 67-year-old Sally Elizabeth Evans.

Pate's son said she was the man's girlfriend and had been stabbed.

Authorities were still investigating, but local media described the attack as a kidnapping gone wrong. Venezuela is thought to be the second most violent country in the world, after Honduras. Crime has risen steadily for years, and streets generally empty as night falls. The wealthy live in fortress-like compounds with armed security guards, and even apartments in poorer neighborhoods often feature doors with three locks.

Pate attended Brown University and Boston University and had been a member of Caracas-based De Sola Pate & Brown since 1981.

The law firm's website says he was a member of the Massachusetts bar who often consulted with multinational companies seeking to do business in Venezuela.

Friends and co-workers recalled Pate's calm, patriotic demeanor.

He used to caution friends in Caracas to look out for their safety but never considered leaving himself,

even as the city became more dangerous and the expat community began to shrink, said friend Russ Dallen, a Miami-based partner at brokerage Caracas Capital Markets.

"I think it broke his heart, the last five or 10 years, watching Caracas return to its jungle state of law," Dallen said. "He didn't have to be there. But he loved the country."

The U.S. Embassy in Caracas said a family member was traveling to the country. Pate is survived by a son who works as a lawyer in Miami. □



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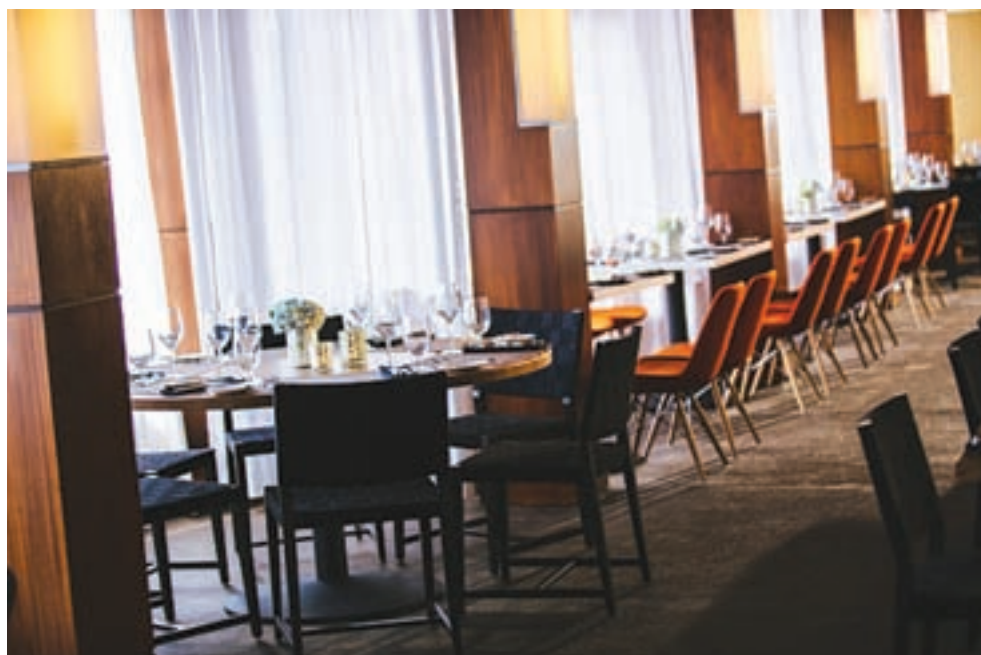
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flower, California began cooking from a very young age. Even though he enjoyed playing American football, his passion for cooking eclipsed his love for football in 1998. After exploring the international culinary platform, Antonio Vidal became co-owner together with Kevin Williamson of Ranch 616 in Austin, Texas. The restaurant Ranch 616 offers innovative cuisine that encompasses flavors from the Gulf of Mexico to the border towns of Texas. Visit L.G Smith's from July 23rd till August 16th and choose between Camarones Releno, Sopa de Fideo, Beef Shoulder Tenderloin Tostones, Crispy "Bang Bang" Shrimp & Slaw, Texas "Two

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KATIE'S CROWN



United States' Katie Ledecky holds her award as best female athlete of the competition at the end of the Swimming World Championships in Kazan, Russia, Sunday, Aug. 9, 2015.
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Katie Ledecky crowns herself czarina at Russian swim worlds

BETH HARRIS
AP Sports Writer

KAZAN, Russia (AP) — Katie Ledecky is ready to enjoy a week off. She's certainly earned it. With five gold medals and three records at the world swimming championships, Ledecky stamped herself as a huge favorite heading into next year's Olympics. She swept the 200, 400, 800 and 1,500-meter freestyles in Kazan, in addition to anchoring the victorious 4x200 free relay. The 18-year-old American is 9-0 in finals at world meets, having won four golds and set two world records in 2013 at Barcelona. "After Barcelona, I set my goals for these last couple years, and I have a little ways to go still," she said. "I'm chipping away at those goals, and this is a really great steppingstone toward Olympic trials." That meet next July will decide the U.S. team for the Rio de Janeiro Games. The 1,500 is not an Olympic event, so Ledecky may look to add the 100 free to her busy schedule in Brazil, plus the relays.

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READY TO GO



McIlroy says his left ankle is 'non-issue'

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Rory McIlroy, of Northern Ireland, left, chats with Rickie Fowler on the driving range before a practice round for the PGA Championship golf tournament at Whistling Straits Golf Course on Monday, Aug. 10, 2015 in Haven, Wis.
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Vikings top Steelers 14-3 in Hall of Fame game

WILL GRAVES

AP Sports Writer

CANTON, Ohio (AP) —

Backup quarterback Mike Kafka threw a touchdown pass and running back Joe Banyard ran for another score to help the Minnesota Vikings beat the Pittsburgh Steelers 14-3 on Sunday night in the Hall of Fame game.

Most of the regulars watched from the sidelines in the annual exhibition opener, including Adrian Peterson and Ben Roethlisberger.

Minnesota quarterback Teddy Bridgewater completed 5 of 6 passes for 44 yards in his one series of work. The reigning Rookie of the Year's night ended when the Steelers stopped the Vikings on fourth down midway through the first quarter.

There was a moment of silence before kickoff for Hall of Fame running back



Minnesota Vikings tight end MyCole Pruitt heads to the end zone for a touchdown after taking a pass from quarterback Mike Kafka during the first half of an NFL preseason football game against the Pittsburgh Steelers in Canton, Ohio, Sunday, Aug. 9, 2015.

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and longtime broadcaster Frank Gifford. The former New York Giants star died Sunday morning at age 84. Hall of Famer Jerome Bettis waved a "Terrible Towel" during pregame introductions, with the decidedly pro-Pittsburgh crowd roaring its approval. The run-

ning back nicknamed "The Bus" stood with the rest of the Hall's new class for the coin toss, the only moment of true star power on a night the bold-faced names still in uniform didn't break a sweat if they even bothered to suit up at all. Peterson's return from a

lengthy suspension will have to wait at least one more week, if not decidedly longer. The running back hasn't played in an exhibition in nearly four years, a streak likely to continue. Peterson's position on the depth chart is safe. The ones behind him not so much as the Vikings try to build on an erratic but at times promising 2014 behind Bridgewater and first-year coach Mike Zimmer. Like Peterson, Roethlisberger stuck to shorts and a T-shirt. All-Pro running back Le'Veon Bell and All-Pro wide receiver Antonio Brown put together a full dress rehearsal, even going through warm-ups. They spent the majority of the night hanging out, the only exercise the notoriously hard-working Brown enjoyed coming while he absentmindedly worked the exercise bike. Bridgewater deftly guided

the Vikings on a 10-play, 51-yard drive in the first quarter, hitting tight end Kyle Rudolph for a pair of 11-yard gains. Rather than attempt a short field goal on fourth-and-1 from the 10, Zimmer opted to go for it only to see Jerick McKinnon stopped for no gain by nose tackle Steve McLendon, one of the handful of Pittsburgh regulars to actually take the field.

With Roethlisberger given the night off and usual backup Bruce Gradkowski dealing with a sore arm, the Steelers gave third-stringer Jones an extensive look. The former Oklahoma player is trying to convince the team to keep three quarterbacks on the roster. While coach Mike Tomlin said early in camp Jones was on the "incline" he was going to reserve judgment until after seeing Jones face guys in different-colored jerseys. □

Katie's Crowns

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She basically swam against herself in Kazan. Ledecy won the 400 by 3.89 seconds, the 800 by 10.26 seconds and the 1,500 by 14.66 seconds. Her closest race was the 200, when she rallied from fourth to win by 0.16 seconds. She was named female swimmer of the meet.

"It's almost to the point where I'm not surprised," her coach Bruce Gemmell said. "She's such a beautiful natural swimmer."

In a 24-hour span, Ledecy set back-to-back world records in the 1,500. As if that wasn't impressive enough, she returned the next night to win the 200 against a stellar field.

"We laugh about how she's going to retire some men in this sport continuing to swim that fast," said Frank Busch, U.S. national team director. "She's doing things that are unprecedented in our sport."

Such utter domination has sent expectations soaring



United States' Katie Ledecy shows off her gold medal and the World Record award during the ceremony for the women's 800m freestyle final at the Swimming World Championships in Kazan, Russia, Saturday, Aug. 8, 2015.

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for the recent high school graduate from suburban Washington, D.C., who has yet to even get a driver's license. Ledecy remains oblivious to it all.

"I kind of try to keep the same mindset I had going into 2012 — no expectations, no pressure, and whatever happens, happens," she said. "I know my family and my coaches will all help me maintain that mindset."

Her support system was in Kazan, with her parents, brother and uncle cheering in the stands.

At the daily U.S. women's team meeting, coaches congratulated anyone

who swam a personal-best time and the team showered that person with applause. Ledecy received the most cheers; of course, her best times just happened to be jaw-dropping world records.

"Whenever she swims she just has this ability to lift the entire team spirit," said Missy Franklin, Ledecy's teammate who won five medals in Kazan. "That's so, so special. It's just been amazing watching her this whole time and I think all of us know there's only brighter things to come in her future."

A typical training day for Ledecy involves morning

and afternoon practices three days a week. She mixes in dry land training that focuses on strength, flexibility and injury prevention three times a week. She usually swims up to 6,000 meters in the morning. A hard training session would add another 2,000 meters.

"We've found some small things I can work on to try and improve," she said. "It's about trying to get faster. I'm very motivated." Gemmell has instilled in Ledecy the belief that relaxed swimming results in optimal performances. In the water, she focuses on keeping her stroke, rhythm and tempo the same throughout the longer races.

"She's driven to get better, she's not afraid to challenge herself," Gemmell said. "She's not afraid of failure, but failure is not an option. That's sort of a combination she's put together to work pretty well for her."

She viewed the 200 as a challenge, so the 100 might be even more enticing. Rarely does a distance swimmer in their prime dip into the sprint ranks. Ledecy practices other

strokes in training, but the competition is so strong in those events that she has no plans to swim anything but freestyle for now.

"There's still a lot of fast swimmers in that 200 free," she said. "I know I have my work cut for me."

Ledecy is taking a cache of gold out of Russia, but leaving money behind. Her medals and world records were worth a total of \$175,000 from FINA, the sport's world governing body. However, she couldn't accept any of it because she plans to remain an amateur and compete for Stanford starting in the fall of 2016.

She will focus on training for the next year, although Ledecy plans to take a few classes at Georgetown University and continue the volunteer work she did in high school.

Ledecy won't be far from the water when she's taking her weeklong break at home in Bethesda, Maryland. She'll be the teenager with the short blond hair and smooth stroke at the local pool.

"It gets hot in D.C. in the summer," she said. "We'll see how much I'll actually swim." □

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Mcllroy declares himself to be 100 percent for PGA

SHEBOYGAN, Wis. (AP) —

Rory Mcllroy says he's 100 percent and his game appears to be in order. He was talking about golf, not soccer.

Mcllroy played another practice round Monday for the PGA Championship and declared himself ready to go at Whistling Straits. The world's No. 1 player injured ligaments in his left ankle the first weekend in July while playing soccer with friends in Northern Ireland.

Thursday will be his first competitive round since the U.S. Open.

"To play golf it's 100 percent," he said. "To go back on a soccer pitch, it wouldn't be quite ready. But to do what I need to do this week, it's 100 percent."

Monday was the first official day of practice for the final major of the year, though it was interrupted throughout the afternoon as thunderstorms rumbled into the area off Lake Michigan and twice suspended play. Mcllroy got his work done in the morning. He flew in from Portugal on the weekend and played twice, and the 26-year-old from Northern Ireland said he has been playing with one ball to keep score and try to regain a competitive feel.

He said he played — and walked — 72 holes during his time in Portugal. That's much different — as is the injury — from when Tiger Woods played the 2008 U.S. Open at Torrey Pines with shredded ligaments in his left knee and a double stress fracture in his leg. Woods did not walk 18 holes until he teed it up that week at Torrey Pines. "It actually feels better when I go at it as hard as I want because my left foot



Rory Mcllroy, of Northern Ireland, warms up on the driving range before a practice round for the PGA Championship golf tournament at Whistling Straits Golf Course on Monday, Aug. 10, 2015 in Haven, Wis.

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sort of spins out of the way whenever I hit the driver anyway," Mcllroy said. "If my left foot was to stay completely flat, like roll on to the left side like a lot of guys do, then it would obviously probably create a few problems. Because mine sort of spins out of the way, it takes a lot of pressure off it."

Mcllroy said he was putting even while he was in a boot to keep his ankle steady. He began this year with a runner-up finish in Abu Dhabi after a seven-week break, though he conceded it was far different at a major championship.

"I think it's just the com-

petitiveness of feeling what it's like to play a tournament," he said. "It's OK coming back to play Abu Dhabi as your first week back, but playing a major, it's a bit different. Just that sharpness and competitive edge, that's the thing you really hope is there when you come back."

SCENARIOS:

Jordan Spieth does not have to win the PGA Championship to replace Mcllroy at No. 1 in the world. In fact, he might not get there even if he does win his third major.

The Official World Golf Ranking laid out the following scenarios for Spieth to

get to No. 1:

— Spieth wins and Mcllroy finishes in a two-way tie for second or worse.

— Spieth finishes second alone and Mcllroy is out of the top six.

— Spieth finishes in a two-way tie for second and Mcllroy is out of the top 13.

— Spieth finishes in a three-way tie for second and Mcllroy is out of the top 33.

The only way for Spieth to finish alone in third and get to No. 1 is for Mcllroy to miss the cut.

LATE ADDITIONS

Martin Laird, J.J. Henry and Sean O'Hair are the latest entries to the PGA Championship.

Laird was the first alternate and go in when Shane Lowry won the Bridgestone Invitational. Lowry already was eligible, but because five players at Firestone were not eligible, the PGA kept open one spot.

Henry got the 156th spot on Sunday night by winning the Barracuda Championship in Nevada in a playoff. Then, Graham DeLaet of Canada withdrew Monday because of an injury to his left thumb. He was replaced by O'Hair, who had moved up as first alternate. That moves Carl Pettersson up to first alternate, followed by Daniel Summerhays and William McGirt. □



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NL Capsules

Kang, McCutchen rally Pirates past Dodgers 13-6

The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Kang Jung-ho's three-run homer capped a nine-run seventh inning, and Andrew McCutchen homered and drove in four runs for Pittsburgh, which sept the three-game series.

Kang greeted reliever Joel Peralta with his ninth homer of the season. Jim Johnson (3-4) was charged with eight runs in two-thirds of an inning.

The Pirates won for the fifth time in six games and the 15th time in their last 18 at PNC Park.

McCutchen's homer — a shot off the batter's eye in center field — came with a runner on in the fifth inning to draw the Pirates within 5-3. He added a two-run single during the big seventh inning that put Pittsburgh on top 12-5.

Francisco Cervelli had three hits, including a solo homer in the eighth, and three RBIs for the Pirates.

Arquimedes Caminero (2-1) pitched two scoreless innings for the win.

Adrian Gonzalez and Yasmani Grandal led the Dodgers' 14-hit attack with two hits and two RBIs each.

RAYS 4, METS 3
ST. PETERSBURG, Florida (AP) — Rookie Richie Shaffer hit a tiebreaking homer in the seventh inning as Tampa Bay once again rallied from an early three-run deficit.

For the second straight day, the Rays quickly fell behind 3-0 to the NL East leaders.

Shaffer's third hit in three at-bats against Bartolo Colon (10-11) was a solo shot into the left-field seats. Shaffer entered with one hit — a homer — in seven at-bats this season.

John Jaso drove in three

runs for the Rays, who reached the .500 mark at 56-56.

Xavier Cedenro (2-1) pitched a scoreless seventh while Jake McGee got three outs to pick up his sixth save.

Arrieta (13-6) struck out six and walked two in 7 2-3 innings. The right-hander is 7-1 with a 1.23 ERA in his last 10 starts dating to a four-hit shutout at Minnesota on June 21.

Justin Grimm got the final

lez, who hit a grand slam against Storen on Friday night, is batting .394 with 15 homers and 34 RBIs in his last 27 games.

John Axford (4-5) got five outs for the win, and Tommy Kahnle worked out of a bases-loaded jam in the ninth while recording his second save.

Ryan Zimmerman homered twice for the Nationals, who remained 1 1/2 games behind the NL East-leading Mets. Max Scherzer struck out 10 in six innings, but allowed four runs and eight hits.

Storen (2-2), who lost the closer job when Jonathan Papelbon was obtained in a July 28 trade with Philadelphia, had a 1.52 ERA coming into the series. Sunday's outing left him with a 2.70 ERA.

BREWERS 5, CARDINALS 4
MILWAUKEE (AP) — Khris Davis hit two home runs, including a two-run shot in the eighth inning off former teammate Jonathan Broxton as the Brewers ended the Cardinals' four-game winning streak.

Broxton (1-3), traded from Milwaukee to the NL Central leaders on July 31, relieved Kevin Siegrist with a runner on second and a 4-3 lead. Davis drove his first pitch into the Cardinals' bullpen for his 11th homer.

Will Smith (5-2) pitched a scoreless eighth. Francisco Rodriguez worked the ninth for his 26th save in 26 chances this year.

Davis also hit a two-run homer off John Lackey in the third.

Matt Carpenter hit a three-run homer off Brewers starter Jimmy Nelson with two outs in the seventh for a 4-3 lead.

DIAMONDBACKS 4, REDS 3,

10 INNINGS

PHOENIX (AP) — The Diamondbacks waited for the umpires to sort out a wild ending after baserunning follies on the final play, and left with a win over the Reds.

Arizona loaded the bases with one out in the 10th and Chris Owings lined a ball over center fielder Billy Hamilton's head.

As the Diamondbacks celebrated in the middle of the diamond, the Reds retrieved the ball — a stadium worker tossed it back — and began tagging the bases. The Reds claimed Arizona runners didn't properly advance to touch the bags before leaving the field, and should be called out on force plays.

The umpires discussed the Reds' belated try for a double play for a couple of minutes before ruling the game was over.

Ryan Mattheus (1-3) got the loss, and Josh Colimenter (4-6) pitched a perfect 10th inning for the win.

PHILLIES 5, PADRES 3

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Jerome Williams pitched seven crisp innings as surging Philadelphia completed a three-game series sweep. The Phillies have won 16 of 21 for the majors' best record since the All-Star break.

Williams (4-8) entered with an 0-6 road record this season. But the right-hander held San Diego to one run and five hits.

Ken Giles worked the ninth for his sixth save in nine chances.

The Padres have lost six in a row, matching a season high. Andrew Cashner (4-12) worked 6 1-3 innings and allowed three runs and eight hits. □



Pittsburgh Pirates' Gregory Polanco celebrates after scoring from second on a hit by Andrew McCutchen off Los Angeles Dodgers relief pitcher Jim Johnson, right, in the seventh inning of a baseball game, Sunday, Aug. 9, 2015, in Pittsburgh. The Pirates won 13-6.

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The Mets have lost two straight following a seven-game winning streak.

CUBS 2, GIANTS 0

CHICAGO (AP) — Jake Arrieta pitched four-hit ball into the eighth inning as the Cubs beat the Giants for a four-game sweep of the defending world champions.

Arrieta also tripled and scored in the second as the Cubs won for the 10th time in 11 games. Chicago's first four-game sweep of San Francisco since June 1977 increased its lead for the second NL wild card to 3 1/2 games over the reeling Giants.

out of the eighth, and Hector Rondon worked out of a jam in the ninth while recording his 19th save in 22 chances.

Giants right-hander Jake Peavy (2-5) allowed two runs and four hits in five innings.

ROCKIES 6, NATIONALS 4
WASHINGTON (AP) — DJ LeMahieu hit a tiebreaking two-run single off Drew Storen with two out in the eighth inning, sending the Rockies to the road win.

Carlos Gonzalez hit two solo shots and Daniel Descalso also went deep for Colorado, which has won three of four. Gonzal-

Blue Jays win 8th straight, sweep Yankees to close in

The Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Josh Donaldson and Jose Bautista each hit a long home run as the Toronto Blue Jays earned their eighth straight victory by beating the New York Yankees 2-0 Sunday to complete a three-game sweep that tightened the AL East race.

Marco Estrada (10-6) tossed three-hit ball into the seventh inning against the suddenly slumping Yankees, outpitching Masahiro Tanaka (8-5) during Toronto's second consecutive shutout.

In a series that featured the top two offenses in the majors, New York mustered only one run and went scoreless over the final 26 innings. Not since 1999 had the Yankees been blanked in two straight games.

With their 11th win in 12 games, the streaking Blue Jays pulled within 1 1/2 games of the first-place Yankees. It was the first time since May 2003 that Toronto swept New York in a series of at least three games. Roberto Osuna worked a perfect ninth for his 10th save.

ANGELS 5, ORIOLES 4, 11 INNINGS

ANAHEIM, California (AP) — David Murphy's bases-loaded single in the 11th inning lifted the Angels to victory.

Murphy also had a three-run homer in the third inning. Rookie Trevor Gott (3-0) pitched two innings for the win.

Los Angeles moved within a half-game of AL West-leading Houston, which lost 5-4 at Oakland.

Gerardo Parra and Chris Davis homered for Baltimore, and rookie Chaz Roe (2-2) got the loss.

ATHLETICS 5, ASTROS 4

OAKLAND, California (AP) — Danny Valencia homered in the fourth inning for Oakland, and singled in the winning run in the ninth. Oakland's Josh Reddick had two hits and drove in two runs, including the tying run in the ninth. The A's

have won three in a row and six of nine.

Colby Rasmus hit a three-run homer in the top of the ninth to give the Astros a 4-3 lead and set off a celebration in the dugout. But the Athletics responded with two runs in the bottom half.

Luke Gregerson (5-2) was handed his fifth blown save in 27 chances. The Astros have lost six of seven.

INDIANS 8, TWINS 1

CLEVELAND (AP) — Corey Kluber pitched a three-hitter for his third complete game of the season, leading Cleveland to the victory.

Kluber (7-12) didn't allow a hit until Joe Mauer's two-out single in the seventh. The reigning AL Cy Young Award winner struck out 10 and walked one in his sixth career complete game — all coming in the last two years.

Aaron Hicks hit an RBI double for Minnesota with two out in the ninth, but Mauer bounced to first on Kluber's 100th pitch for the final out. Chris Johnson went 4 for 4 with two doubles for Cleveland, and Abraham Almonte homered for the second straight day.

Almonte's home run was the 28th allowed this season by Phil Hughes, a major league high. Hughes (10-8) was tagged for seven runs and nine hits in three innings.

ROYALS 5, WHITE SOX 4

KANSAS CITY, Missouri (AP) — Alex Rios beat the tag at the plate on a grounder in the eighth inning, helping Kansas City finish off a three-game series sweep. The Royals have won three straight games by one run for the first time since August 2012.

Kansas City widened its AL Central lead to 11 1/2 games and improved to 10-3 against the White Sox this season.

Kelvin Herrera (3-2) picked up the victory despite blowing a save and giving up the tying run in the eighth on Melky Cabrera's RBI sin-

gle. Ryan Madson pitched the ninth for his second save in four chances.

Jake Petricka (3-3) got the loss.

MARINERS 4, RANGERS 2

SEATTLE (AP) — Streaking Nelson Cruz hit his 33rd home run for Seattle, and Felix Hernandez earned his 14th win.

Cruz tied Angels star Mike Trout for most homers in the majors this season. Hernandez (14-6) is tied for the most wins in the big leagues.

Cruz extended his hitting streak to 19 games, tying a career best, with his solo shot off Colby Lewis (12-5) in the sixth.

The slugger is batting .422 with 11 home runs, six doubles and 15 RBIs during the streak.

Hernandez pitched seven innings, giving up two runs and six hits. Carson Smith worked the ninth for his 12th save in 14 opportunities.

RED SOX 7, TIGERS 2

DETROIT (AP) — Jackie Bradley Jr. homered and drove in a career-high five runs, leading Boston to the road win.

Bradley walked with the bases loaded in the second, homered in the seventh and tripled home three more runs in the eighth. Coming into the game, Bradley had a .121 batting average with one extra-base hit and four RBIs in 58 at-bats.

Henry Owens (1-1) pitched five-plus innings for his first major league win. He walked four, but allowed just one run and three hits. Detroit right-hander Justin Verlander (1-5) allowed two unearned runs in six innings. He struck out seven and walked three while throwing 113 pitches.

In other AL games it was Toronto 2, N.Y. Yankees 0; Boston 7, Detroit 2; Cleveland 8, Minnesota 1;

Tampa Bay 4, N.Y. Mets 3; Kansas City 5, Chicago White Sox 4; L.A. Angels 5, Baltimore 4, 11 innings; Oakland 5, Houston 4; and Seattle 4, Texas 2. □



Toronto Blue Jays' Jose Bautista, right, greets Josh Donaldson after Donaldson hit a home run during the first inning of the baseball game against the New York Yankees at Yankee Stadium, Sunday, Aug. 9, 2015, in New York.

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Germany's Kerber outlasts hard-hitting Pliskova

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AP Sports Writer

STANFORD, Calif. (AP) —

Angelique Kerber pushed away any post-match fatigue or tired legs and relished yet another championship.

Kerber bent her knees nearly to the ground all afternoon to dig out an onslaught of powerful ground strokes by Karolina Pliskova, beating the hard-hitting Czech 6-3, 5-7, 6-4 for the Bank of the West Classic championship Sunday.

The left-handed Kerber extended points with her baseline gets on the way to a title in the event she lost at Stanford a year ago against Serena Williams.

"It's hard work to get really fit but at the end it takes over on court," Kerber said of her top fitness that helps her recovery in a hurry.

The fifth-seeded Kerber, from Germany, improved to 4-0 in finals this year, which included edging Pliskova 6-7 (5), 6-3, 7-6 (4) in a nearly 2 1/2-hour match for the championship on grass at Birmingham, England, in June, for her first title on that surface.

This slugfest went 2 hours, 7 minutes.

Kerber let out a scream and raised her arms in delight when Pliskova's forehand went into the net on



Angelique Kerber, from Germany, celebrates after winning a point against Karolina Pliskova, from Czech Republic, in the championship match in the Bank of the West Classic tennis tournament in Stanford, Calif., Sunday, Aug. 9, 2015. Kerber won 6-3, 5-7, 6-4.

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the second match point, completing the 10th break of serve by the German. She earns \$124,000 for her victory.

"She's just great moving and a great defender, so it was maybe harder than in the last matches for me," Pliskova said. "That's why I made maybe more mistakes. She's always tough to play. She's one of the fittest girls on the tour."

The 6-foot-1 Pliskova, seeded fourth, hit booming first serves from 112-115 mph in the first set but needed

an injury timeout to have her right ankle taped late in the second before she held for 7-5 after seven straight breaks and force a third set.

Pliskova found some better consistency when it mattered most, breaking for 3-2 in the final set. The 23-year-old — whose twin sister Kristyna plays on the tour — had missed chances throughout the match to that point, such as jumping out to 40-0 to start the match before losing the opening, 16-point game.

She had chances to close out points at the net but Kerber's pinpoint passing shots regularly caught Pliskova in no man's land about a step further back from the net than she needed to be. Pliskova committed 21 unforced errors in the first set to put herself in a hole, to just one by the steady Kerber.

Pliskova takes home \$66,100 as runner-up. She finished with 52 unforced errors and 52 winners, while the 27-year-old Kerber had 14 unforced errors in all.

This was hardly a pretty display of serving with double faults to end games in match featuring 18 total breaks of serve.

"That's probably for me the worst thing," Pliskova said. "It's my best shot. I think that's the point why I lost today."

Kerber captured her seventh career singles title playing in her fourth final of the season. She lost here last year at Stanford to Williams, 7-6 (1), 6-3. The world No. 1 Williams withdrew from this event the week before because of an elbow injury.

Kerber learned plenty from a first-set collapse here a year ago. She won five straight games to go up 5-1 and was serving for the first set at 5-2 before Williams saved two set points and

went to win five games in a row.

"Of course it was big motivation for me to win the title here where I lost last year against Serena," Kerber said.

Kerber, projected to move up the rankings from 14th to No. 11, earned her 40th match victory to tie her with Williams (40-1) for most wins this season.

Pliskova is set to make her debut in the WTA top-10 rankings in the next poll at eighth.

"I proved that I belong there," she said.

Top-seeded Caroline Wozniacki dropped a 6-4, 6-2 result in her opening match, in the second round, Thursday night to American Varvara Lepchenko. Pliskova defeated Lepchenko in a straight-set semifinal win Saturday.

Pliskova was the first Czech-born woman to reach the final in this event since Martina Navratilova in 1994. Navratilova lost to Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario that year in Oakland, but won the last of her five titles of the tournament in '03.

Yi-Fan Xu and Saisai Zheng of China won the doubles final, 6-1, 6-3 over Anabel Medina Garrigues and Arantxa Parra Santonja of Spain as Sunday's matches drew a tournament high for the week of 2,757 fans. □

Delle Donne scores 33 points, Sky beat Mercury 74-64

ROSEMONT, Illinois (AP) —

Elena Delle Donne came back from an ankle injury to lead a second-half surge and finish with 33 points in the Chicago Sky's 74-64 victory over the Phoenix Mercury on Sunday.

Chicago (14-9), swept by Phoenix (14-8) last year in the WNBA Finals, beat the Mercury for the first time in seven meetings.

Phoenix's winning streak ended at five games.

Delle Donne sat out nearly 6 minutes in the second quarter after turning her left ankle and Chicago trailed 37-33 at the half. She scored 13 of her 16 third-quarter points during a 19-2 run to open the second

half and the Sky finished the quarter leading 57-43. Phoenix wasn't able to get closer than seven.

Delle Donne was 11 of 18 from the floor, including 5 of 9 from 3-point range. Phoenix's Brittney Griner had 21 points on 9-of-14 shooting and added 14 rebounds for her sixth double-double this season.

LYNX 72, SPARKS 64

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Maya Moore scored 20 points and Sylvia Fowles added 15 as Minnesota beat Los Angeles to end a two-game losing streak.

The Sparks were without four-time WNBA All-Star Alana Beard, who left the 8 eight minutes into the first



Minnesota Lynx center Sylvia Fowles (34) protects the ball against the Los Angeles Sparks center Jantel Lavender, left, and guard Ana Dabovic, right, during the second half of a WNBA basketball game, Sunday, Aug. 9, 2015, in Minneapolis. The Lynx won 72-64.

Associated Press

quarter and did not return. Beard was sidelined two games into the season by plantar fasciitis and returned at the end of July.

Nneka Ogwumike led the Sparks (7-5) with 18 points. The Western Conference-leading Lynx lost back-to-back games at Los Angeles and

Phoenix before coming home for the rematch with the Sparks.

MYSTICS 84, SUN 73

WASHINGTON (AP) — Stefanie Dolson scored 21 points and Tayler Hill added a career-high 20 as the Washington Mystics beat the Connecticut Sun 84-73 on Sunday. □

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U.S. railroad safety: Few likely to meet new tech deadline

JOAN LOWY

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Only a handful of U.S. railroads are close to meeting a deadline this year to install safety technology that can prevent many crashes, including derailments due to excessive speed like the deadly Amtrak crash in Philadelphia in May, according to a government report released Friday. Only three railroads have submitted safety plans to government, a necessary step before they can put the technology — positive train control, or PTC — into operation, the Federal Railroad Administration report said.

Amtrak hasn't submitted a plan yet, but railroad officials have said they expect to have PTC in operation in the railroad's busy Northeast Corridor by the Dec. 31 deadline. Some railroads are lagging far behind. Union Pacific, the nation's largest freight railroad, hasn't equipped



In this May 12, 2015 file photo, emergency personnel work the scene of a deadly train wreck in Philadelphia. Associated Press

any of its 6,532 locomotives with the technology, according to the report. None of Norfolk Southern's 3,400 locomotives are equipped, either.

The type of PTC being put into place by most railroads relies on GPS, wire-

less radio and computers to monitor train position and automatically stop or slow trains that are in danger of derailing because they're traveling too fast, are about to collide with another train or are about to enter an area where

crews are working on tracks.

A rail safety law passed by Congress in 2008 gave railroads seven years to install the technology. PTC is expensive, and many railroads were late getting started. Freight rail-

roads often host commuter railroad operations on their tracks, and they also frequently use the tracks of their competitors. Developing PTC systems that can be used by multiple railroads has added a layer of complexity to the effort. Many railroads also ran into unanticipated difficulties acquiring the radio spectrum necessary to make the technology work, and getting government permission to erect thousands of antennas along tracks.

Railroads have been urging Congress to delay the deadline.

The railroad industry said the challenge of developing the technology from scratch is unprecedented. "Reaching deadlines is important, but even more important is that when PTC is turned on, it is fully operational and enhancing safety," said Edward Hamberger, president and CEO of the Association of American Railroads. □

Twitter huddles with NFL to tackle audience challenge

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SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Twitter is huddling with the National Football League as it tackles the challenge of attracting a broader audience to its short messaging service.

A two-year content and advertising deal announced Monday expands upon similar partnerships that Twitter forged with the NFL in 2013 and 2014.

The NFL plans to funnel nearly three times more content into Twitter than

last year, a commitment that will include more video highlights and pictures from games in progress. Twitter, in turn, will use an automated formula to prominently display NFL tweets and related ads in the streams of account-holders likely to enjoy the information.

The NFL's Twitter blitz will begin with Thursday's pre-season games. Financial terms of the deal weren't disclosed. Twitter and other Internet companies typically pay their partners by giving them a percentage

of ad sales made from their content.

After signing single-season contracts in 2013 and 2014, the NFL gave Twitter a vote of confidence by locking into a longer term this time around. It's the first time any of Twitter's roughly 200 partners have signed a multi-year contract, according to Glenn Brown, Twitter's director of content partnerships.

The NFL, by far the most-watched sports league in the U.S., also is relying solely on Twitter to sell all the advertising tied to the tweets

from its accounts. In the previous two seasons, the ads were jointly sold by the NFL and Twitter.

The show of faith comes at a critical time for Twitter. Although its brand is widely known and its service boasts more than 300 million users, Twitter has been struggling to widen its appeal. With user growth slowing dramatically, even Twitter's own management recently acknowledged that the service has become too confusing to navigate. What's more, the San Francisco com-

pany still hasn't posted a profit.

Investors have sacked Twitter for its execution problems. The company's stock finished last week at \$27.04, less than half its value 10 months ago and just \$1.04 above its initial public offering price in November 2013.

The NFL's immense popularity could help Twitter find ways to get people to check into its service more frequently and lure visitors who might not necessarily sign into the service, but could still see ads. □

STREET BRIEFS

Gap Inc. issues lackluster profit outlook for Q2

NEW YORK (AP) — Gap Inc. is issuing a second-quarter earnings forecast that's below Wall Street analysts' estimates. The company blamed West Coast port delays, foreign currency fluctuations and strategic maneuvers the San Francisco-based company is taking to turn around its name-sake brand. The earnings outlook, announced late Monday, comes as the retailer, which also operates Old Navy and Banana Republic, posted a 3 percent drop for a key revenue measure for July. Analysts expected a 2.3 percent drop. The company, under its new CEO Art Peck, is aiming to turn around the business and announced in June that it was scaling back its Gap store foot print in North America. It plans to close 175 Gap stores in North America over the next few years, leaving about 800 open. □

Alibaba buys 20% stake in Chinese electronics seller

NEW YORK (AP) — Alibaba is taking a 20 percent stake in Chinese electronics store chain Suning in a move that helps the Chinese e-commerce powerhouse expand in the brick-and-mortar arena. Alibaba said Monday that it will invest 28.3 billion Chinese yuan (\$4.63 billion) to become the largest shareholder in the company. Alibaba said the companies will collaborate on e-commerce, logistics and other businesses. Suning will open a flagship store on Alibaba's Tmall.com platform. Alibaba will also be able to use Suning's logistics network, which covers 90 percent of China's countries, including eight national distribution centers, 57 regional distribution centers, 353 city forwarding centers and 1,700 delivery stations. "This new alliance brings forth a new commerce model that fully integrates online and offline," said CEO Jack Ma. □

Wall Street jumps as oil boosts energy stocks

STEVE ROTHWELL
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — A resurgent energy sector and another big acquisition by Warren Buffett propelled the stock market to its best

\$32 billion.

The pace of corporate deal making has been surging this year as borrowing costs have stayed low, making it easier for companies to fund acquisitions.

mist at Rockwell Global Capital. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 26.61 points, or 1.3 percent, to 2,104.18. It was the biggest gain for the index since May 8. The Dow Jones industrial

the past three weeks.

Some investors are also anticipating that the Federal Reserve may raise interest rates next month. That's unnerving for them because rates close to zero have been a major factor in driving a bull-market in stocks that has lasted for more than six years.

Precision Castparts was the biggest gainer in the S&P 500. The stock jumped \$37.04, or 19 percent, to \$230.92. Berkshire will pay \$235 per share in cash for Precision Castparts' outstanding stock. The deal is valued at about \$37.2 billion including debt.

Energy stocks were also among the biggest gainers as oil rose, rebounding from heavy losses last week. The sector jumped 3 percent as companies including Exxon Mobil and Chevron climbed. The price of oil posted a strong gain after briefly dipping below its lowest close for the year. U.S. crude climbed \$1.09 to close at \$44.96 a barrel in New York. Early Monday oil dipped a penny below its \$43.46 March 17 close, its lowest in six years. Brent crude, a benchmark for international oils used by many U.S. refineries, rose \$1.80 to close at \$50.41 in London. Despite Monday's rebound, oil is still down almost 60 percent from its peak last year. □



Trader Michael Milano works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. A resurgent energy sector and another big acquisition by Warren Buffett propelled the stock market to its best day in three months on Monday.
(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

day in three months on Monday.

Energy stocks jumped, following the price of oil higher. Crude rebounded after dropping to its lowest level of the year in early trading. Industrial stocks also climbed sharply after Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway agreed to buy Precision Castparts, a maker of industrial components, for

That tends to push up stock prices because buyers typically pay a premium to make the deal attractive to shareholders.

"Any time you have mergers and acquisitions, especially of this size, that's a good sign because corporate America is feeling good about the economic prospects," said Peter Cardillo, chief market econo-

average rose 241.79 points, or 1.4 percent, to 17,615.17. The Nasdaq composite climbed 58.25 points, or 1.2 percent, to 5,101.80. The gains also ended a seven-day losing streak for the Dow Jones industrial average, its longest run of losses in four years. Some mixed earnings reports and the slump in oil have weighed on the 30-member index in

Daum Kakao appoints South Korea's youngest CEO

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SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — The South Korean company behind popular mobile messenger app Kakao Talk named a 34-year-old startup investor as CEO who will be the country's youngest corporate boss. Rim Ji Hoon was named CEO of Daum Kakao Corp. on Monday. He will turn 35 next month when the board and shareholders will vote on the decision. The appointment is a bold move in South Korea where top positions at major companies are usually filled from the ranks of family owners or long-serv-

ing employees. All three current CEOs at Samsung Electronics Co., for example, joined the company in the 1970s or the 1980s.

Corporate watchdog CEOScore said Rim will be the youngest CEO among South Korea's top 500 companies. The second youngest CEO after Rim is 46 years old.

"This event is very similar to Softbank Masayoshi Son's appointment of Nikesh Arora as his successor," said Park Ju-gun, president at CEOScore, referring to the India-born, former Google executive who was earlier this year appointed as president at

Japan's Softbank. "They are both from outside the company."

Park said that Brian Kim, the South Korean Internet mogul who founded Kakao Talk and later acquired Daum Communications, likely made the decision. Daum Kakao said Rim showed his understanding of the mobile market during his leadership at K Cube Ventures, a startup investor founded by Kim, now Daum Kakao's largest shareholder and president of its board of directors. Rim spent the last decade as a venture capitalist, first at Softbank Ventures and later at K Cube Ventures.

A graduate of the Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology, he previously worked at global consulting firms and Naver Corp., the operator of South Korea's most-visited online search engine, before joining Softbank Ventures in Seoul.

While leading K Cube Ventures, Rim invested in more than 50 startups.

While a major force in the South Korea mobile market, Kakao struggled for years to expand outside South Korea.

Daum Kakao's stock finished 2.7 percent higher in Seoul after the CEO announcement. □

Parent of Columbia House files for bankruptcy protection

MARLEY JAY
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP)—The company that once offered to sell you eight CDs for 1 cent has filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection after almost 20 years of falling sales.

The parent of the Columbia House music and DVD clubs said Monday it plans to sell its Columbia House DVD Club business, which

sells recorded movies and TV series directly to consumers, through a bankruptcy auction.

The reasons for the bankruptcy read like a history of the changes that have swept through the entertainment industry and retail over the last two decades. In the late 1990s, the mail-order Columbia House Music Club was damaged by Napster, the first major site

that allowed people to share their music for free, followed by Napster's rivals and successors. Then came Apple's iPod and iTunes music store, which let consumers buy music and download it almost instantly while making it more portable than ever. Around the same time, online marketplaces like Amazon.com and eBay were taking off and Netf-

lix offered unlimited DVD rentals through the mail. Big retailers like Wal-Mart, Target and Costco were also expanding rapidly. Universal Music, the largest recorded music company, also decided not to renew a license agreement with Columbia House. Within a few years, Apple and Amazon and Netflix would unveil streaming options that did away with

physical media entirely. Citing market research, Columbia House's parent says the DVD market has shrunk by about half since 2006. The New York-based parent company, Filmed Entertainment, says its revenue rose to \$1.4 billion in 1996 and fell almost every year after that. In 2014, its revenue totaled about \$17 million, barely 1 percent of its peak figure. □

Berkshire Hathaway buying Precision Castparts for about \$32B

JOSH FUNK
AP Business Writer

OMAHA, Neb. (AP)—Warren Buffett is making the biggest bet of his long investment career, a \$32.36 billion buyout of Precision Castparts in a deal that will continue to reshape his Berkshire Hathaway conglomerate. The acquisition of the aerospace and industrial company would top Buffett's \$26.7 billion deal for BNSF railroad in 2010. It also follows several huge deals outside of the core insurance companies Buffett built his investment empire, including manufacturers, railroads, utilities and food companies.

Berkshire said Monday that it will pay \$235 per share in cash for Precision Castparts' outstanding stock. The deal is valued at about \$37.2 billion, including debt. Buffett searches for deals of this size to meaningfully improve profits at Berkshire and invest the company's \$66.6 billion cash it had on hand. The



Berkshire Hathaway Chairman and CEO Warren Buffett speaks in Omaha, Neb. Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway is buying Precision Castparts Corp. for approximately \$32.36 billion, the company announced, Monday, Aug. 10, 2015.
(AP Photo/Nati Harnik)

universe of big companies that fit Buffett's criteria tend to be manufacturing or industrial firms.

And the 85-year-old Buffett wants to give Berkshire the strongest foundation possible for his investors and

whoever eventually succeeds him.

"I think he's setting things up for the future and he doesn't want anything terribly risky," said Andy Kilpatrick, the investor who wrote "Of Permanent Value: The

Story of Warren Buffett." Precision Castparts, based in Portland, Oregon, has been hit hard by tumbling crude and natural gas prices, but it appears to have strong long-term prospects. Buffett told

CNBC that he would have bought the company even if he knew that commodities were in the midst of a multiyear slump.

"We're going to be in this business for 100 years, so it doesn't really make any difference what oil and gas does in the next year," said Buffett, whose company already held 4.2 million shares or about 3 percent of Precision Castparts' stock. George Morgan, a finance professor at the University of Nebraska at Omaha and a former investment adviser, said Buffett's field of possible investments is limited because of the size he is looking for today. Author and investor Jeff Matthews, who wrote "Warren Buffett's Successor: Who It Is and Why It Matters," said he doesn't think Berkshire is getting a good price on Precision Castparts, so he's not sure it will be good for shareholders, especially since Precision's business is tied to the airline industry. □

CVS Health to pay government \$450,000 to settle dispute

AMY ANTHONY
Associated Press

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP)—CVS Health has agreed to pay \$450,000 to the federal government to settle allegations that several of its Rhode Island retail pharmacies filled forged and invalid painkiller prescriptions.

The agreement announced Monday is the culmination of a two-year investigation by U.S. Attorney Peter Neronha's office

and the Drug Enforcement Administration's Office of Diversion Control into several of the Woonsocket, Rhode Island-based CVS's retail pharmacy locations. The DEA's Diversion Control offices routinely review pharmacies across the country looking for violations of the Controlled Substances Act, said Jim Martin, a spokesman for the U.S. Attorney's office in Providence.

CVS has denied wrongdoing.

In October 2013, authorities began investigating individuals in Rhode Island who were prescribing various controlled substances without the authority to do so, such as nurse practitioners.

Federal investigators said they found that some CVS locations were filling forged prescriptions with invalid prescriber DEA numbers or that the pharmacist filling the prescription knew or had reason to know the

prescriptions were invalid or unauthorized.

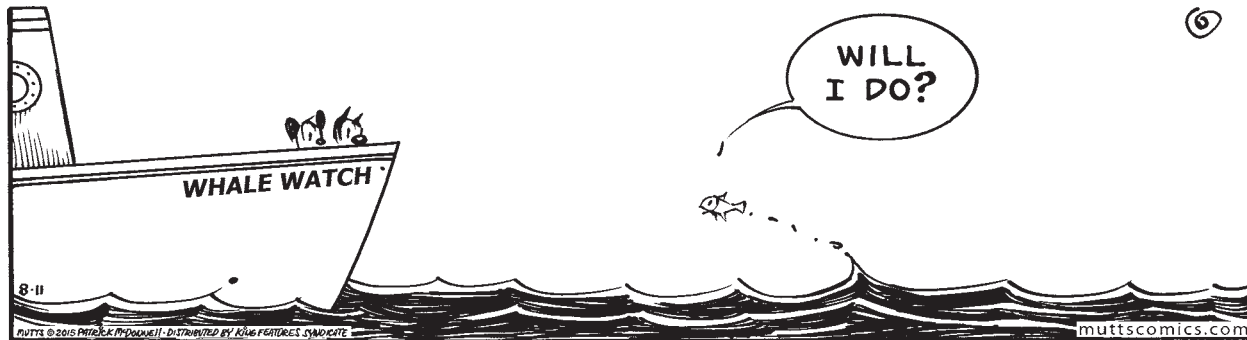
They also said they found that some locations filled prescriptions for the opioid painkiller hydrocodone written by psychiatric nurse practitioners who are not authorized under Rhode Island state law to write such prescriptions. Under the Controlled Substance Act, such painkillers can only be prescribed by a physician. Additionally, federal investigators said they found

that CVS did not keep adequate records of prescriptions.

A message left for Elizabeth Ferguson, senior vice president and assistant general counsel for CVS, was not immediately returned.

The Department of Justice has a five-year statute of limitations for investigations into civil violations of the Controlled Substances Act. Authorities investigated the conduct beginning in March 2010. □

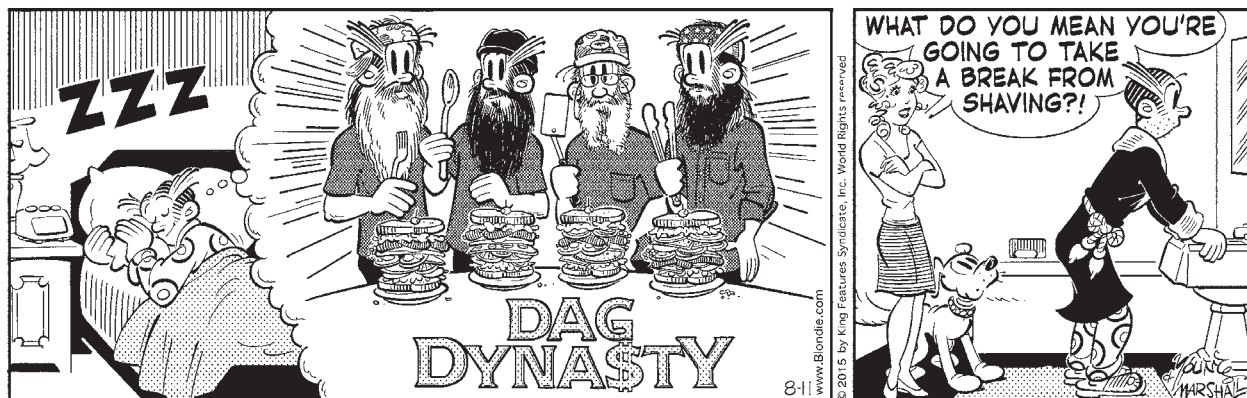
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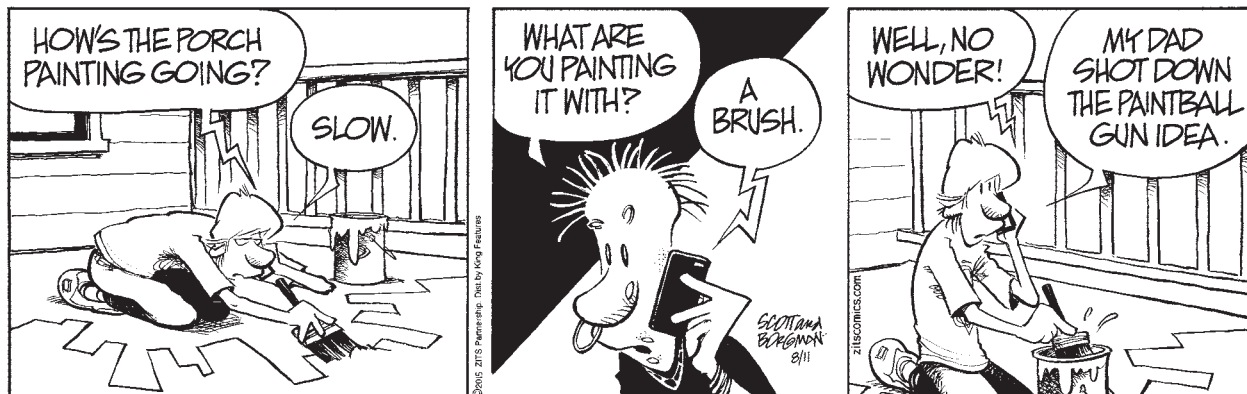
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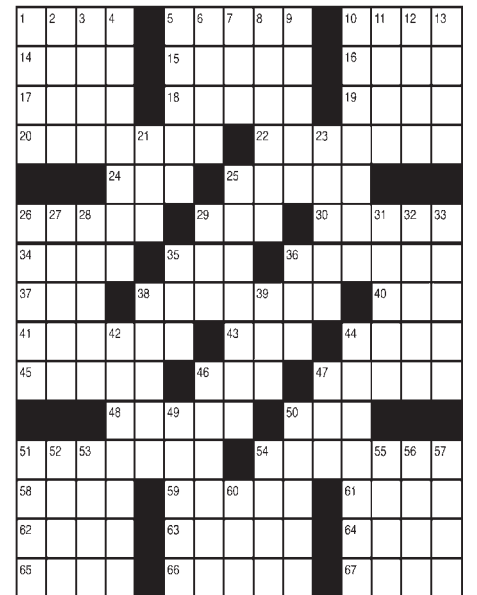
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Yesterday's puzzle answer

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7	8	5	9	1	4	6	2	3
2	7	3	5	6	9	1	8	4
1	9	8	2	4	3	5	6	7
6	5	4	8	7	1	9	3	2

ACROSS

- Gigantic
- Rub enough to make sore
- Give a hoot
- Many a golf tournament
- Ms. Zellweger
- Smell
- Yuletide carol
- Firstborn of two
- Title for former Russian rulers
- Furious
- Argues
- Tam or beret
- Spotless
- Fish basket
- Fannie or Ginnie follower
- Gets closer to
- Popular dogs, for short
- off; give a heads-up to
- Happy
- Sit-up targets, for short
- Apprentice
- J. Edgar Hoover's agcy.
- Spain's peninsula
- Preschooler
- "...an inch and he'll take a _"
- Excavator
- Defective
- Spinks or Ali
- Ride a bike
- Tavern
- Expand
- Ask for advice from
- Objectives
- Cheese-topped tortilla chip
- Cypress or spruce
- Thin opening
- Slow crawler
- Benedict; fancy breakfast
- up; arranges
- Makes a salary
- Take a siesta



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Monday's Puzzle Solved

DOWN

- Sharpen
- Chance _; find by accident
- Will _ of TV's "The Waltons"
- Intertwines
- Skulk
- _ up; delayed
- "Jack _ Jill went up..."
- Weak
- Spooky
- London's East End dialect
- Sculpting tool
- Laugh loudly
- Goofs
- Four qts.
- Narrow boat
- Rome or Paris
- Assert one's right to
- Temple leader
- Actor Buddy
- Farrow or Sara
- Attach
- Russia's dollar
- More devious
- _la-la
- Fast plane
- Exhausted
- _ off; doze
- Meals
- Thug
- Yellow fruit
- Bread tray item
- Thickheaded
- Places to swim
- Singing voice
- Make angry
- Leave out
- Goatee's place
- Egg on
- Table supports
- Examination
- Prius or Jaguar

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Amtrak exec: Train delays in tunnel may become more common

DAVID PORTER

Associated Press

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — Train delays like the ones caused recently by electrical problems in a century-old Hudson River tunnel could become much more common if a new tunnel isn't built, an Amtrak executive told New Jersey lawmakers Monday.

Even if that anticipated \$14 billion project, called Gateway, were started now, the tunnel portion wouldn't be complete until 2025 at the earliest, said Stephen Gardner, Amtrak's vice president of Northeast Corridor infrastructure investment.

In the interim, there is no viable contingency plan in place if one of the two tubes in the tunnel has to be taken out of service for an extended period, which would reduce train traffic during rush hour from 24 trains to six, Gardner told the Senate Legislative Oversight Committee.

Amtrak's goal is to "keep the tunnel in working order to support the traffic we have today," Gardner said, adding that "those delays could become the norm at some point."

Two of four high-voltage electrical cables that date back to the 1930s failed, causing backups on four of five days during the week of July 20. Amtrak is analyzing the cables to determine whether saltwater damage from Superstorm Sandy in 2012 contributed to the failures.



Amtrak CEO and president Joe Boardman talks to members of the media about the need for funding to replace rail line infrastructure dating to the 1930's during a news conference at Penn Station in New York. Train delays like the ones caused recently by electrical problems in a century-old Hudson River tunnel could become much more common if a new tunnel isn't built, an Amtrak executive told New Jersey lawmakers Monday. (AP Photo/Julie Jacobson)

Monday's hearing came as the major stakeholders in a tunnel project — the governors of New Jersey and New York, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey and the federal Department of Transportation — grapple with how to pay for it.

Speaking to reporters in Albany, New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo said the large price tag for a new tunnel means a sizeable federal investment — not a loan — is required. New York is already taking on two other big-ticket projects, a new LaGuardia Airport and a replacement for the Tappan Zee Bridge, both of which are projected to cost about \$4 billion.

He stressed that Amtrak has a responsibility to contribute to a new tunnel.

"It's not my tunnel. Why don't you pay for it?" he told reporters. "It is an Amtrak tunnel that is used by Amtrak and by New Jersey Transit."

Gardner told lawmakers that it would cost Amtrak \$1 billion per year just to keep its Northeast Corridor infrastructure in a state of good repair, and it would cost an additional \$4 billion per year to complete its backlog of projects on the 457-mile corridor, a span that includes numerous century-old bridges and a 142-year-old tunnel in Baltimore. □

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Stinking mats of seaweed piling up on Caribbean beaches

DAVID McFADDEN

Associated Press

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP)

— The picture-perfect beaches and turquoise waters that people expect on their visits to the Caribbean are increasingly being fouled by mats of decaying seaweed that attract biting sand fleas and smell like rotten eggs.

Clumps of the brownish seaweed known as sargassum have long washed up on Caribbean coastlines, but researchers say the algae blooms have exploded in extent and frequency in recent years. The 2015 seaweed invasion appears to be a bumper crop, with a number of shorelines so severely hit that some tourists have canceled summer trips and lawmakers on Tobago have termed it a “natural disaster.”

From the Dominican Republic in the north, to Barbados in the east, and Mexico's Caribbean resorts to the west, officials are authorizing emergency money to fund cleanup efforts and clear stinking mounds of seaweed that in some cases have piled up nearly 10 feet high on beaches, choked scenic coves and cut off moored boats.

With the start of the region's high tourism season



A boat sits abandoned in a heavily seaweed covered beach in the east coast town of Fajardo, Puerto Rico, Saturday, Aug. 8, 2015.

a few months away, some officials are calling for an emergency meeting of the 15-nation Caribbean Community, worried that the worsening seaweed influx could become a chronic dilemma for the globe's most tourism-dependent region.

“This has been the worst year we've seen so far. We really need to have a regional effort on this because this unsightly seaweed could end up affecting the image of the Ca-

ribbean,” said Christopher James, chairman of the Tobago Hotel and Tourism Association. There are various ideas about what is causing the seaweed boom that scientists say started in 2011, including warming ocean temperatures and changes in the ocean currents due to climate change. Some researchers believe it is primarily due to increased land-based nutrients and pollutants washing into the water, including nitrogen-heavy fertiliz-

ers and sewage waste that fuel the blooms.

Brian Lapointe, a sargassum expert at Florida Atlantic University, says that while the sargassum washing up in normal amounts has long been good for the Caribbean, severe influxes like those seen lately are “harmful algal blooms” because they can cause fish kills, beach fouling, tourism losses and even coastal dead zones.

“Considering that these events have been happen-

ing since 2011, this could be the ‘new normal.’ Time will tell,” Lapointe said by email.

The mats of drifting sargassum covered with berry-like sacs have become so numerous in the Caribbean Sea and the Atlantic Ocean they are even drifting as far away as to West Africa, where they've been piling up fast in Sierra Leone and Ghana.

Sargassum, which gets its name from the Portuguese word for grape, is a floating brownish algae that generally blooms in the Sargasso Sea, a 2 million-square-mile (3 million-square-kilometer) body of warm water in the North Atlantic that is a major habitat and nursery for numerous marine species. Like coral reefs, the algae mats are critical habitats and mahi-mahi, tuna, billfish, eels, shrimp, crabs and sea turtles all use the algae to spawn, feed or hide from predators. But some scientists believe the sargassum besieging a growing number of beaches may actually be due to blooms in the Atlantic's equatorial region, perhaps because of a high flow of nutrients from South America's Amazon and Orinoco Rivers mixing with warmer ocean temperatures. □

Associated Press

Feuding U.S. families help pinpoint historic battle site

BRUCE SCHREINER

Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Kentucky (AP)

— The names Hatfield and McCoy are synonymous with feuding in the U.S., etched in American history for their famous deadly fights. So it was an unlikely sight when descendants of both clans worked side by side to help archaeologists unearth artifacts from one

of the bloodiest sites in the feud.

The leader of the dig says they have pinpointed the place where Randolph McCoy's home was set ablaze in the woods of eastern Kentucky during a murderous New Year's attack by the Hatfields.

Many believe the feud was rooted in the American Civil War of the 1860s,

but the bitterness was perpetuated by disputes over timber rights and even a pig. The fighting claimed at least a dozen lives by 1888. The feud officially ended in 2003, when descendants of the families signed a truce. Two McCoy's were gunned down in the 1888 ambush on Randolph McCoy's homestead. It marked a turning point in their battle

waged in Kentucky and West Virginia, led by family patriarchs William Anderson “Devil Anse” Hatfield and Randolph “Ole Ran'l” McCoy. The 10-day excavation focused on a back corner of the homestead. Archaeologists and volunteers — including descendants from the two families — uncovered charred timber, shell casings, nails,

a pulley and fragments of glass and ceramics.

Eddie McCoy had made earlier pilgrimages there, but he said sifting through his ancestral soil was especially poignant.

“When I was digging through the mud and big chunks of burned wood started coming out, it just made it so real,” he said this week. □



In this image released by CBS, George Eads, left, and Ted Danson appear in a scene from "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation."

Associated Press

CBS promises 'satisfying' finale for long-running 'CSI'

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)

— CBS is promising that the "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation" series finale won't disappoint.

"This will be a very satisfying ending for all the 'CSI' fans," CBS Entertainment Chairman Nina Tassler told a TV critics' meeting Monday.

"CSI," which debuted in 2000, will wrap with a two-hour finale on Sept. 27.

Original cast members including William Petersen and Marg Helgenberger are returning for the send-off.

Tassler said the reunion was bittersweet. But the franchise lives on with the latest spinoff, "CSI: Cyber," which returns for its second season with Patricia Arquette and "CSI" star Ted Danson coming aboard. □

Mindy Kaling grateful to Hulu for saving 'The Mindy Project'

ALICIA RANCILIO

Associated Press

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)

— Mindy Kaling is blissfully unaware of the numbers Hulu may be hoping for when it comes to streaming new episodes of "The Mindy Project," which debuts its fourth season on the service on Sept. 15.

"To be honest, after being on network TV for 11 years, I'm kind of happy about that. I'd rather just focus on the creative and I'm happy that they're not trying to pull me into those conversations," Kaling, its creator and star, told The Associated Press Sunday.

Fox canceled the series in May but Hulu revived it days later, asking for 26 episodes, which is the biggest season order of "The Mindy Project" to date.

"I'm so grateful and I just want to make the show better than it's ever been," said Kaling. "We went from 'We're never doing this show again' to having more work than ever."



Actress Mindy Kaling participates in the "The Mindy Project" panel at the Hulu Summer TCA Tour at the Beverly Hilton Hotel on Sunday, Aug. 9, 2015, in Beverly Hills, Calif.

Associated Press

The comedy itself won't change too much in its leap to the web where a new episode will be posted each week.

"I think if we really changed the show and made it more risqué and

put it more on a tilt towards stuff you might find on HBO or Showtime, we would maybe turn off some of our core viewers," said Ike Barinholtz, who is a cast member, producer and writer on the series. □

'Men Are from Mars, Women Are from Venus' books NYC stage

MARK KENNEDY

AP Drama Writer

NEW YORK (AP)

— A stage adaptation of one of the most popular self-help books in the world is coming to a Manhattan theater, starring a Martian.

Performer Peter Story will star in a one-man show adapted from John Gray's book "Men Are from Mars, Women Are from Venus" at the off-Broadway complex New World Stages this fall.

Gray's mega-selling hit about how couples can bridge the interplanetary gulch between the sexes became one of the biggest best-sellers in the country. Playwright Eric Coble, who wrote the Broadway play "The Velocity of Autumn," has adapted it for the stage. Story has added personal elements from his

life to the show.

"This is not a seminar. This is not a conference. This is not a 'Dr. Phil' show where I'm up there to give advice. This is a comedy show. This is going to feel very much like a stand-up comedy show," Story said last week.

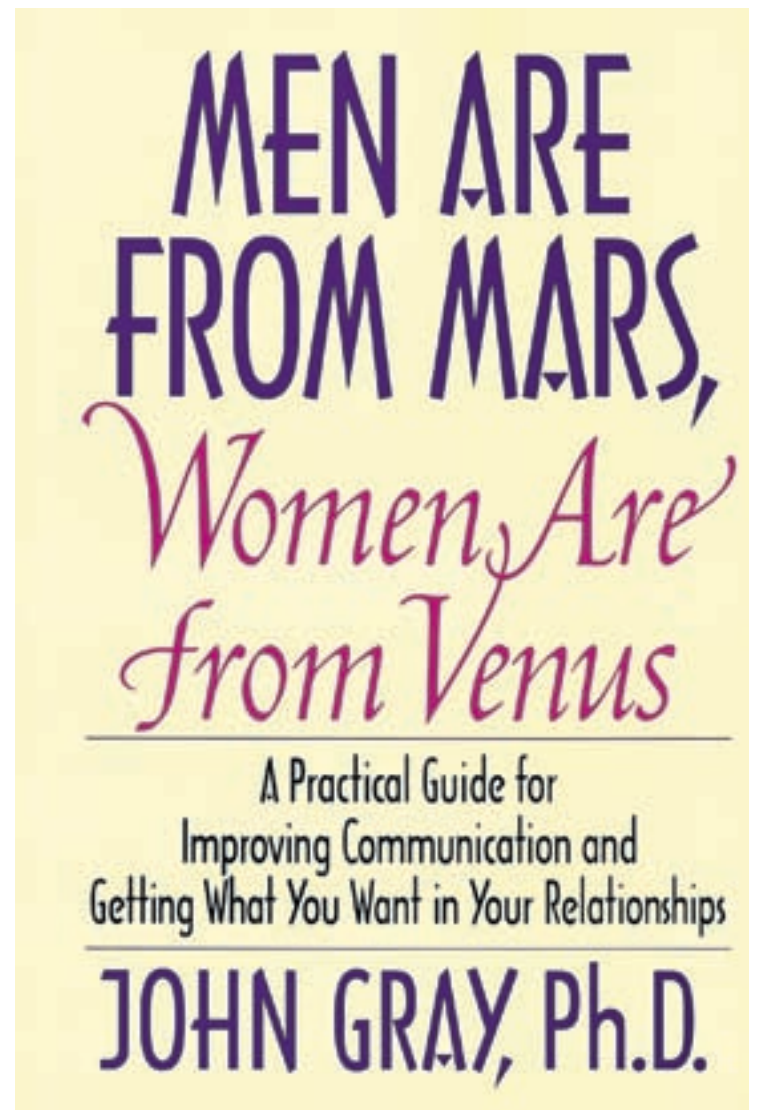
"It's a great date night show, whether you've just started dating or you've been in a relationship for a long time. Because even if you're doing it right, this is a great night to be reminded of the things that you're doing, keep it right and get those spices flowing."

The two-act, 2-hour-long comedy "Men Are from Mars, Women Are from Venus Live!" has had over 200 performances in more than 80 cities in 38 states since 2013. It starts performances Oct. 22 and

opens Nov. 7 at New World Stages. The creative team promises it will be PG-13.

"The show is at its prime, and the only thing to do at that point is to go to New York City," said Story, who has appeared on television shows such as "CSI," "Without a Trace" and "Ugly Betty." "We couldn't be more excited."

Producer Paul Emery discovered the play in a theater just outside Holland in Amsterdam, performed in Dutch. Emery needed an interpreter but "it was still hysterical as hell," he said. He got the rights to bring it to the United States and added humorous video animation. Mindy Cooper directs. Has performing the show helped navigate his own life? Story, who is married to performer Megan O'Neil, says yes. □



Trump says Fox News chief has promised him fair coverage

JILL COLVIN

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Presidential candidate Donald Trump's turbulent relationship with Fox News showed signs of improvement Monday even as Democratic front-runner Hillary Rodham Clinton seized on the billionaire businessman's clash with the network to cast the entire 2016 Republican presidential field as being bad for women. Trump and Fox News, one of the most powerful voices in Republican and conservative circles, have been in a bitter feud since last Thursday's presidential debate. While he leads recent Republican presidential polls, the former reality television star has drawn heated criticism from many in his own party for saying on CNN that Fox debate moderator Megyn Kelly had "blood coming out of her eyes, blood coming out of her wherever."

Trump insisted Monday that he never intended to say anything inappropriate about Kelly, one of the most popular hosts on the most watched U.S. cable news network. But Trump maintains he was treated unfairly in a series of tough questions, including one from Kelly about Trump's history of negative statements about women.

Kelly asked the real estate mogul about his use of words such as "dog," "fat" and "disgusting" to insult women and whether it reflected the "temperament of a man we should elect as president."

He maintained Monday

insurgent campaign and his series of incendiary comments have vaulted him into an early lead in the race for the Republican presidential nomination just half a year before the first nominating contests in Iowa and New

dates.

So far, the self-funded Trump has proved to be immune from what would be viewed as missteps by any other candidate. It will be several days before public polling shows whether he was damaged by his caus-

Fox's main show. He now is scheduled to appear Tuesday morning on "Fox and Friends."

"Roger Ailes just called. He is a great guy & assures me that 'Trump' will be treated fairly on @FoxNews. His word is always good!" wrote Trump.

Fox News representatives did not immediately respond to a request for comment, but one of the "Fox and Friends" hosts, Steve Doocy, tweeted that Trump would be appearing on "Fox and Friends" Tuesday morning to talk about his relationship with the network.

Trump's latest remarks have unnerved some in a Republican Party that has long wrestled with the public perception that it is waging a "war on women" and has struggled to convince more women that it's on their side.

Speaking publicly for the first time since the Republican debate, Clinton on Monday seized on Trump's comments about Kelly. She said his remarks should not overshadow the rest of the Republican candidates' policies dealing with women.

"They brag about slashing women's health care funding," Clinton told reporters while campaigning in New Hampshire. □



This combination made from Aug. 6, 2015 photos shows Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump, left, and Fox News Channel host and moderator Megyn Kelly during the first Republican presidential debate at the Quicken Loans Arena, in Cleveland. Associated Press

that he never intended to say anything inappropriate about Kelly and said the uproar over his criticism was "all fueled by the press."

"This wasn't meant to be much of an insult," he told NBC's "Today" show.

Trump's unconventional,

Hampshire. While Trump is considered unlikely to win the Republican presidential nomination, he has enthralled anti-establishment conservatives with his bellicose statements and confounded party leaders trying to bring order to an unwieldy field of 17 candi-

tic comments about Kelly. Trump tweeted Monday that Fox News chairman Roger Ailes had reached out to him directly Monday, assuring him he'll be "treated fairly" by the station. Trump appeared on several Sunday morning TV news shows, but not on



In this Wednesday, Oct. 13, 2010, file photo, Steve-O, a cast member in "Jackass 3D," poses at the premiere of the film in Los Angeles. Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "Jackass" star Steve-O was arrested after climbing a crane in Hollywood to protest SeaWorld and drawing dozens of emergency responders to a

construction site. Stephen Glover, 41, scrambled up a crane at least 100 feet high on Sunset Boulevard, inflating a large killer whale balloon emblazoned with

'Jackass' star arrested after climbing crane in Hollywood

"SeaWorld Sucks" and lighting fireworks when he reached the top Sunday night, Los Angeles police Lt. Michael Ling said.

Glover, known for his outlandish stunts in the "Jackass" TV show and movies, later climbed down and was taken into custody. Because the first responders were not sure whether he needed to be rescued, five ambulances, a helicopter and more than 80 firefighters went to the scene, Fire Department spokeswoman Margaret Stewart said.

She said resources were

stretched thin because firefighters were called around the same time to rescue the operator of a harbor crane who was stricken with a medical emergency.

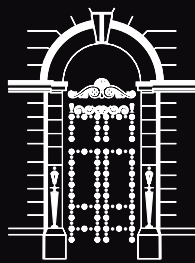
"Some of the resources on this hoax could have been devoted to a real emergency," Stewart said. Glover will be booked on suspicion of several charges, including conspiracy to commit trespassing and filming without a permit.

It is possible the city could seek reimbursement from Glover, but it is too early

to know if that will happen and how much could be sought, said Frank Meteljan, a spokesman for the city attorney.

Glover's representative didn't immediately respond to a request for comment. A call to SeaWorld has not been returned.

He was cited last year for another protest against the theme park. Glover said his protest was in response to controversy over the 2103 documentary "Blackfish," which criticized SeaWorld's treatment of killer whales. □



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